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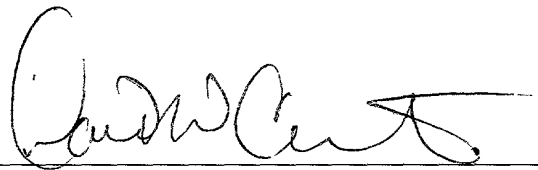
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## APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRADING ELECTRIC ENERGY

### 0 TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The invention relates to an apparatus and method of trading electric energy between utility companies and others. Specifically, the invention is a software product that, when coupled to a communications network, creates a trading environment for the electronic purchase and sale of electric energy, the scheduling and usage of the transmission system, and the automated invoicing and electronic funds transfer for the settlement of transactions.

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0      **BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Electric energy is generated for public consumption by utility companies. Each utility company has a service area in which it enjoys near-monopoly status. The utility company is obligated to supply the electric energy needs of individual customers within the service area. Of course, the demand for electricity can vary according to a number of factors. In the long run, the demand for electricity is a function of the population and industries within the service area. In the short run, electrical demand varies according to many factors. Extreme weather, in particular, can significantly strain the generation capacity of the utility company.

10      An electric energy grid exists which connects each utility's generating facilities to those of adjacent utilities. Each circle represents an individual utility company. Each line represents high-voltage lines which form the grid between the various utilities.

15      Electric energy is traded between utility companies and other market participants to meet shortfalls in capacity during unit outages, to achieve cost savings, or to increase revenues. "Bulk transactions" refers to the wholesale buying and selling of electrical energy. Typically, the parties involved in these trades are traditional electric utility companies. These companies wish to meet their obligations to provide reliable service to their customers in the most economically feasible manner. Often it is possible for a utility to purchase electricity from a neighboring utility more economically than it could produce it for itself. At other times, the power generator can sell excess generation at a price higher than its cost of generation.

20      To determine which trades are economic, utilities produce sophisticated forecasts of load (required generation) so that they can schedule their generators to run efficiently. The system

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0 dispatcher then determines if demand is likely to be over or under projections during various times of the day. The dispatcher is also interested in the associated cost with each level of generation. Even though the load forecasts are sophisticated, actual conditions usually deviate from them. This may be due to a number of circumstances, such as having generating units go off-line unexpectedly, differences between forecast and actual weather conditions, or changes in the price of available fuel  
5 to run the generators. All of these events affect the costs to produce electricity. Because of changes in these forecasts, the dispatcher telephones neighboring utility companies to determine prices and quantities of energy available for upcoming hours. These calls occur many times a day, sometimes hourly. At the same time, dispatchers for other utilities are also making phone calls. If the dispatcher finds what he considers to be a good deal, a trade is consummated. The result is that deals are often  
10 struck before the phone surveys are complete. It is rare for a dispatcher to call beyond his direct neighbors, and almost never farther out than two companies. This means that the opportunity for more economic transactions may have been overlooked simply because the dispatcher did not know about them.

15 A need exists for a system which creates substantial efficiency gains by automating this trading process over the current method of using the phone. This method of trading energy should allow utilities to simultaneously view real-time market prices and energy availabilities and to quickly consummate the best opportunities. The system should consider available transmission capacity, and calculate and schedule the least cost path for the energy. It should also report the transactions, invoice the participating parties, and facilitate rapid collection and disbursement of funds. Lastly, the  
20 system should allow for anonymous trading required of a true market.

## 0 SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The present method, also known as CPEX, establishes a nationwide electronic information system that assists buyers and sellers of electricity to conduct business by providing a common marketplace. CPEX is an easy to use windows-based software and hardware system that enables Participants to gather market information and make energy transactions decisions based on the best  
5 available opportunities. CPEX involves a software application, a computer and communications network, and a central server.

CPEX allows users to enter quantity and price information on energy that they have available to sell, wish to buy, or both. These offers are then sorted and presented to other CPEX Participants. These offers are sorted by lowest price to highest for purchase opportunities and sorted highest price to lowest for sale opportunities. Each Participant sees delivered price for purchases and total revenue for sales from its unique location in the electric grid. The purchase price of the energy is shown inclusive of any transmission charges, known as "wheeling". Wheeling is a term used to refer to the transfer of electricity across a Participant's transmission system. A Participant who provides wheeling services is referred to as a wheeler, and receives monetary compensation for providing this service.  
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CPEX also allows the buyers and sellers of electrical energy to offer different degrees of firmness for their energy. Interruptible energy may be curtailed, or cut off, for any reason. Non-interruptible energy may only be curtailed to avoid or remedy an unreliable condition. Both types of energy have a distinct market.  
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CPEX assists in maintaining the reliability of the electric grid by using a conservative method to schedule available transmission capacity. Each Participant maintains the amount of transmission  
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0 capacity made available for CPEX transactions each hour. As transactions are consummated, this  
capacity is consumed and is no longer available for use by others. This helps assure that the  
transmission systems do not become unintentionally overloaded. Reliability is augmented by allowing  
simultaneous, electronic notification of all parties to a transaction upon a transaction's curtailment.  
The current method of phone notification is inadequate when multiple parties are involved, as is  
5 common in buy/ resell types of transactions.

CPEX provides monthly billing and Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) services for payments  
and disbursements to all Participants as part of the basic CPEX package. This feature allows  
Participants to trade with more companies than they would otherwise and to manage their invoicing  
and collections with their current levels of staffing.

## 0 BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

For a more complete understanding of the present invention, and for further details and advantages thereof, reference is now made to the following Detailed Description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 illustrates the three "markets" established by the present system;

5 Figure 2 illustrates the time frame for trading action for the "next-hour" market;

Figure 3 illustrates a sample of the electrical grid connecting several utilities;

Figure 4 illustrates the interface limits established for each participating utility;

Figure 5 illustrates sample wheeling charges established by each Participant;

Figure 6 is a Login screen used to control access to the CPEX system;

10 Figure 7 is a program generated screen display establishing a password;

Figure 8 is a program generated screen display establishing the names of authorized users;

Figures 9, 10, and 11 are program generated screen display listing authorized users for each Participant;

15 Figure 12 is a program generated screen display which displays the interface path between Participants;

Figure 13 is a program generated screen display displayed at "market opening";

Figures 14 to 27 illustrate the various features of the Market View screen which displays transaction and transmission data for either the Current Hour or the Next Hour;

20 Figures 28 illustrates the Link tab display of each interface-to-interface contract wheeling path across the Participant's system;



0            Figure 29 indicates the transaction scheduling and availability at each of the Participant's interfaces;

             Figures 30 to 31 illustrate the participant's transmission limits including the effects of any wheeling transactions;

             Figure 32 illustrates the schedule summary received by each Participant;

5            Figure 33 is a display of the futures market setup;

             Figures 34 and 35 display the identity of the participant's next hour transaction partners;

             Figures 36 to 41 depict a curtailment of a current hour transaction initiated by either a buyer or seller;

             Figures 42 to 52 depict a curtailment of a current hour transaction initiated by a wheeler;

             Figures 53 to 57 illustrate a Buyer/Seller curtailment of next hour transactions

             Figures 58 to 60 illustrate a next hour curtailment initiated by a wheeler;

             Figure 61 depicts a data processing system in the form of a personal computer in which the present invention can be employed; and

             Figures 62 and 63 depict data used in the calculation of least cost path.

## 0 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The CPEX system provides a number of advantages over prior art methods of trading electric energy. Referring to Figure 1, CPEX maintains information on three hourly periods which fall during a continuous time line 10: current hour 14, next-hour 16 and future hours 18. The current hour 14 is the time for which transactions have been previously scheduled and are currently in delivery. The  
5 next hour 16 follows the current hour and is the time for which offers to buy or sell are being made in the market and transactions are being consummated and scheduled. The future hours 18 include all hours beyond the next hour. CPEX maintains Participant-input transmission data for all three time periods. As time passes, the next-hour 16 and accompanying transmission data roll forward to become the current hour 14. Likewise, the future hour 18 and accompanying transmission data  
10 subject to confirmation, roll forward to become the next hour 16. In a similar fashion, CPEX maintains both current hour and next hour transactions schedules for all Participants. As each current hour passes, it is deemed a previous hour 12 and is stored in a database for billing and statistical purposes.

### 15 Market timing

The CPEX next-hour 16 market opens at the top of each hour 20, as shown in Figure 2, and remains open to forty minutes past the hour 22. During the forty minutes, the identities of Participants submitting and accepting offers to buy and sell hourly energy for the following hour are considered market-sensitive information and held confidential. At forty minutes after the hour, each  
20 Participant receives a schedule summary which shows all transactions the Participant is scheduled to

0 participate in during the coming hour. From forty minutes after the hour, to fifty-five minutes after  
the hour 24, Participants enter CPEX schedules into their energy management systems and complete  
control area scheduling procedures. Starting at fifty-five minutes after the hour, schedules are ramped  
in over a ten minute period and energy delivery commences. One hour later, starting at fifty-five  
minutes after the hour, schedules are likewise ramped out over a ten minute period and energy  
5 delivery ends.

### Transmission & Wheeling

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Figure 3 illustrates seven Participants and the interconnection model in CPEX. Each Participant is  
a utility company interconnected by high voltage lines. Each Participant is designated by a mnemonic  
abbreviation. For example, CIPS (Central Illinois Public Service) 32 is connected to IPC (Illinois  
Power Company) 34 by high voltage lines. Likewise, CIPS 32 is connected to CILC 42 by lines 44.  
One should also note that CIPS 32 is connected to IIGE 38 by lines 36 and lines 40. Therefore, if  
CIPS purchases energy from IIGE, the power is routed at least in part over infrastructure owned by  
IPC 34. In this situation, IPC 34 is known as a "wheeler." As a wheeler, IPC charges a "wheeling"  
15 fee for the use of its infrastructure. This fee is added to the cost of the energy being purchased. Each  
CPEX Participant must either be a control area or have a contractual arrangement with a control area  
to provide control area services. In addition, a Participant must have at least one metered or  
contractual interface with another Participant. In CPEX, Participants are represented as nodes and  
the transfer capabilities between them as interfaces.

0 Participants determine and set the transfer capabilities of each interface. Upon becoming  
Participants in the CPEX market, each Participant must establish a maximum import and export limit  
for each interface. These limits are displayed on a computer generated display 46a, 46b. On an  
ongoing basis, however, each Participant's operators may set the import (In) and export (Out) Hourly  
Limits at any value between zero and the maximum, based on current operating conditions. As  
5 illustrated in Figure 4, the Hourly Limits set by Participants on either side of an interface may be  
different. For example, CIPS 32 might consider the hourly input limit on its IPC interface to equal  
250 megawatt-hours (MWh). However, IPC might consider the hourly output limit on its CIPS  
interface to equal 300 MWh. In such a case, CPEX enforces the more restrictive limitation on both  
Participants. Note that the line limit exceeds the import/export limit. The difference takes into  
10 account the amount of energy distributed by the Participant over its lines to its own customers. As  
Participants accept offers to buy and sell energy, using the CIPS/IPC interface, CPEX indicates the  
increased scheduling of this interface, as shown by the Hourly Schedule values, and lowers the  
remaining unused transfer capability by a corresponding amount.

Each Participant also inputs wheeling rates 50 for each interface-to-interface path across its  
15 system, as shown in Figure 5. CPEX considers these rates, in aggregate, to determine the availability  
and price of each Participant's offer with respect to each and every other Participant. Rates for the  
Next-hour market may be changed at any time prior to the market opening.

## 0 CPEX System Administration

Figures 6 to 12 illustrate several of the software generated screen displays related to administration of the CPEX system. The CPEX system administrator for a Participant is responsible for overseeing CPEX activities, which include: system security, adding and deleting users, and setting trading parameters. Figure 6 illustrates a login screen 60 which prompts the user to enter a login ID 62 and a unique password 64 associated with that ID. After this is entered, the user can select Login 68 to enter the system. Alternatively, the user can simply quit 70 or solicit help 72 from the system. Alternatively, the user can select change password 66. If the later option is chosen, screen display 74 is presented, as shown in Figure 7. The user can enter his old password 76 as well as his new password 78. The user must then reenter his new password 80. At this point, the user can select OK 82 to enter the new password. Alternatively, the user can cancel 84 his request or solicit help 86.

Figure 8 illustrates a software generated screen displayed after a System Administrator login. The primary purpose of this screen is to add users who trade energy on behalf of the Participant's company. This is done by entering the pertinent information into the various fields. For example, the user's name is entered into field 88. An employee number, such as his social security number is entered into field 90. Two levels of access for the user can be entered into field 92: Market Trader and Market Viewer. Market Trader access allows a user to perform any non-system administration function within CPEX, including submitting, accepting, and curtailing offers to buy and sell energy as well as setting transmission interface limits. Market Viewer access, in contrast, affords a user view-only privileges to market and transmission information, but allows the requesting, saving, and printing of reports.

0 All administrator activities are accomplished using the various options provided at the bottom of the software generated display. For example, Close 94 closes the window. Refresh 96 updates the display to reflect any changes. New 98 adds a user to the system. Update 100 stores a change to an existing user's file. Delete 102 removes a user from CPEX. Help 104 accesses helpful information. Edit Primary Contracts 106 manages bilateral energy and wheeling contract information.

5 View Secondary Contracts 108 allows the user to view bilateral energy and wheeling contract information entered by other Participants. Review Path Status 110 allows the user to view availability of all contract paths. There are two menu pads in the menu bar at the top of the User Maintenance screen. File 112 allows the user to logoff. Admin 114 allows the user to toggle between the User Maintenance screen and the Contacts screen. Figure 9 is a software generated display 112 of the

10 contacts for a Participant. The CPEX administrator defines Participant personnel that have Control Center Supervisor, CPEX System Administrator, Accounting, and Computer Support responsibilities.

Figure 10 illustrates the Edit Primary Contract Display 114 which appears when the Edit Primary Contracts button 106 of the "User Maintenance" screen is pressed. In the event a Participant does not have an Open Access Tariff in place, the CPEX administrator can designate which of the

15 Participants it may sell next-hour energy to or provide next-hour wheeling services for. Individual companies are selected by highlighting and clicking with the mouse, then press the Add>> button. Multiple companies may be selected by highlighting and clicking with the mouse with the Ctrl key depressed. If a Participant has Open Access Tariffs in place, then press the Select All button at the bottom of the selection lists, then press the Add>> button. This process is allowed between market

20 close (:04) and transaction start-ramp (:55). Figure 11 illustrates View Secondary Contract Display

0 screen 116 which appears when the View Secondary Contracts button 108 located at the bottom of the "User Maintenance" screen is selected. This display shows all other Participants that have reported they can sell energy and wheeling services to a Participant. A Participant uses this display to insure the roles of all existing trading partners have been identified properly.

5 Figure 12 illustrates the program generated display which appears when the Review Path Status button 110, located at the bottom of the "User Maintenance" screen, is selected. This display allows a Participant to review the status of all paths identified to the CPEX system. It also allows the Participant to change the status of a path or paths. Paths may be excluded at the discretion of any Participant for the various reasons. For example, Valid Path indicates that the path is functional. Equipment Outages indicates that the path is temporarily not functional. Insufficient Contracts indicates that the necessary contracts to trade energy are missing. Unreliable Path indicates that the path is deemed nonfunctional. To change the status of a path, the path is first highlighted. Next, the user selects the "Path Status" pull down menu 120. Once a reason other than "Valid" has been selected, the "Starting Date," "Ending Date," and "Time" fields become active. Either highlight a field and type to change the contents, or use the increase-decrease tab change displayed date and time values. When completed, press the Update Path button 122 to activate the changes. This process is allowed between market close (:40) and transaction start-ramp (:55).

### Participation in the Markets (Typical User Interaction)

20 Once the user has entered the system, the Market Open dialogue box 124 appears, if the market is open. If the market is closed, a blank Market View window is displayed. At the top of

0 each trading hour, CPEX provides the user with both visual and audible notification that the market is open. The Market Open dialogue box presents for confirmation the transmission import and export limits at each interface for the next hour. If the Participant agrees with the listed limits, he selects the Confirm button 126. Based on his current operating conditions, the user may change the Limit In or Limit Out value to any number from zero up to the Max In or Max Out value, respectively, for any  
5 interface. The interface limits must be confirmed each hour before a user is allowed to buy or sell energy using CPEX. For the purposes of wheeling, however, the displayed interface limits remains in effect and available for use by other Participants until new limits are entered. The default interface limits displayed by CPEX in the Market Open dialogue box are set by the user in the future Markets Setup screen and may be changed at any time by the user in the Transmission tab of the Transmission  
10 View screen.

Figures 14 to 27 illustrate the various features of the Market View screen 128 which displays transaction and transmission data for either the Current Hour or the Next Hour. The Market View 128 enables a Participant to submit offers to buy and sell energy, to accept other Participant's offers to buy and sell energy, and to view and curtail confirmed schedules. The Transmission View enables  
15 a user to monitor and change transmission interface limits and wheeling rates. After logging into CPEX and confirming transmission limits, CPEX defaults to the Market View shown in Figure 14. The Current button 130 and Next button 132 centered at the bottom of the display indicates whether the information displayed is Current Hour or Next-hour. The Market View contains two panels 134, 136 with duplicate capabilities. The purpose of this ease-of-use feature is to provide the simultaneous  
20 display of two CPEX screens. Attached to each of the two panels are five tabs. Buy 138 allows the



0 user to submit, view, or withdraw offers to buy energy. Sell 140 allows the user to submit, view, or  
withdraw offers to sell energy. Buy Market 142 allows the user to view or accept other Participants'  
offers to sell energy. Likewise, Sell Market 144 allows the user to view or accept other Participants'  
offers to buy energy. Schedule 146 allows the user to view or curtail scheduled transactions. Below  
the two panels in the Market View is the "dashboard", which contains several displays summarizing  
5 the Participant's ongoing CPEX activity. The dashboard is divided into three sections: Schedule List  
148, Total/Net Activity Summary 150, and Interface Usage Bar Chart 152.

Referring to Figure 15a, the Schedule List 148 has several columns and rows. B/S indicates  
Buy or Sell transactions. MWh indicates the quantity of energy bought or sold in megawatt-hours.  
N/I indicates whether the transaction is Non-Interruptible or Interruptible energy. Interface indicates  
10 the interface over which the transaction is scheduled for the current hour or will be scheduled for the  
next hour.

The Total/Net Activity Summary 150, shown in Figures 15b to 15d, displays the total and net  
transaction activity. This total and net activity may be displayed in any of three views: Text, Graph  
MWH, and Graph \$. The different views may be selected using the radio buttons below the  
15 Total/Net Activity Summary. The Text view, Figure 15b, displays the various information. Buy  
indicates the Total Quantity (MWh) and Cost (\$) of all energy purchases for either the Current or  
Next-hour. "PI" indicates the Participant's Performance Index for most recent 100 energy purchases  
and sales. This Index indicates how many of the most recent 100 transactions, in which the  
Participant was a buyer or seller, were not curtailed by the Participant. Sell indicates the Total  
20 Quantity (MWh) and (Revenue) (\$) of all energy sales for either the Current or Next-hour. Net

0 indicates the Net Quantity (MWh) and Cost/(Revenue) (\$) of all energy bought and sold for either the Current or Next-hour. Wheel indicates the Total Quantity (MWh) and (Revenue) (\$) from wheeling energy for either the Current or Next-hour.

5 The Graph MWh view, Figure 15c, consists of a two-dimensional chart. The vertical axis scales the MWh values and the horizontal axis scales minutes of the hourly market. Displayed is the chronological history of the Participant's CPEX activity with respect to the quantity of energy (MWh) bought, sold, and wheeled during the Current Hour or Next-hour. A first style of line indicates the quantity of energy sold, a second style of line indicates the quantity of energy purchased, and a third style of line indicates the quantity of energy wheeled. This view provides the user with helpful information regarding the timing of market activity during the trading hour.

10 The Graph \$ view, Figure 15d, consists of a two-dimensional chart. The vertical axis scales the \$ values and the horizontal axis scales minutes of the hourly market. Displayed is the chronological history of the Participant's CPEX activity with respect the cost incurred or revenue generated (\$) during the current hour or next-hour. A first style line indicates the revenue from energy sold, a second style line indicates the cost of energy purchased, and a third style line indicates the revenue from energy wheeled. This view also provides the user with helpful information regarding the timing of market activity during the trading hour.

15 The Interface Usage Bar Chart, Figure 15e, graphically displays both available and scheduled interface capacity (MW) into ("In") and out of ("Out") each of the Participant's interfaces. The MW values across the top are automatically scaled to accommodate user-input interface limits. The first color bar indicates unscheduled and, for the Next-hour, available interface capacity. A second color

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0 bar indicates the scheduling of the Participant's own energy purchases or sales across the interface, while a third color bar indicates the scheduling of wheeling.

At the bottom of the display are several other options. Transmission displays Transmission View, discussed in greater detail below. When Transmission View is displayed, this becomes the Market button used to toggle back to the Market View. Future Market displays Future Market Setup. Reveal displays Current or Next-hour schedule revealing the identities of all parties to each transaction. US Map displays the Participant Connections diagram. Reports displays the Reports menu. Logout logs the user out of CPEX. Help displays the Help menu.

Figures 16 to 18 illustrate a Participant submitting an offer to buy or sell energy by selecting the Buy or Sell tabs in the Market View when the market is open. The user has selected the Sell tab 140 in the left panel and the Buy tab 138 in the right panel. To submit an offer to buy or sell energy, the user presses the Add button 160 in either the Buy or Sell panel and enters the following information about the offer. MWh indicates the quantity of energy (MWh) being offered for sale or purchase. \$/MWh indicates the purchase or sell price (\$/MWh) being offered. N/I indicates whether the sale is non-interruptible or interruptible energy. Usage Fee indicates the amount (\$/MWh) to be added to the offered sell price which may be used to separate some portion of the sales revenue for accounting purposes (not applicable for the Buy tab). Upon entering an offer(s) to buy or sell, as shown below, the user may press the Send button 162 to submit the offer(s) to the marketplace or press the Delete button 164 to remove the offer(s). After pressing the Send button 162, the dialogue box of Figure 18 appears, prompting the user to confirm its offers to be submitted to the marketplace. Upon reviewing the offers, the user may press the Confirm 166 button to submit the offers or press

0 the Cancel button 168 to terminate the process and return to the Market View.

If confirmed, the offers are communicated and available to all Participants for which a feasible transmission scheduling path exists. Upon selecting the Confirm button, the Offer - Not Yet Taken table in the Buy tab of the Market View is updated to reflect the offer just submitted to the marketplace. As shown in Figure 19, offers are now displayed in the right menu. For example, the  
5 offer is for the sale of 20 MWh at \$15.00/MWh. This offer is for "interruptible" energy. In other words, if a buyer accepts this offer, he must be prepared to have the supply of this energy interrupted if the Seller needs the energy to supply its own user base. For these offers submitted but not yet accepted by another Participant, the number of viewers 172 indicates the number of Participants for which a feasible contract path exists to schedule the transaction. In the example above, there are 14  
10 other Participants that can view and, if desired, accept the user's offer(s) to buy energy.

After a buy or sell offer has been submitted to the marketplace, the user may withdraw the offer prior to another Participant accepting it. To do so, the user selects the offer in the Offers - Not Yet Taken table and press the Withdraw button 174. The user is then required to confirm or cancel the withdrawal and, upon confirmation, the offer is removed from the marketplace and is no longer  
15 available to other Participants.

In addition to submitting offers to buy or sell energy, a user may also accept other Participants offers to buy or sell energy. This is accomplished by selecting the Buy Market or Sell Market tabs in the Market View when the market is open. The naming convention for the Sell Market and Buy Market tabs is from the user's perspective. For example, the Sell Market displays other Participants' offers to buy which represent selling opportunities for the user. Similarly, the Buy Market displays  
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0 other Participants' offers to sell which represent buying opportunities for the user.

Figure 20 illustrates the software generated screen displayed when the user selects the Sell Market tab in the left panel and the Buy Market tab in the right panel. Participants' offers to sell energy in the Buy Market table are displayed in "best-cost" (ascending) order based on the \$/MWh price. Participants' offers to buy energy in the Sell Market table are likewise displayed in the "best-cost" (descending) order. Offers displayed in each table are available to the user and reflect a deliverable price and quantity of energy. Using the radio buttons at the top of each panel, the user may designate whether he wishes to view interruptible or non-interruptible energy offers. As many as 40 offers may be displayed in each table at any one time. Information is displayed for each offer in the Sell Market and Buy Market. MWh indicates the quantity of energy offered for sell or purchase. \$/MWh indicates the price of energy net of any applicable wheeling charges. CPEX determines the least cost, feasible contract path for scheduling each transaction. For sell offers in the Buy Market table, this price includes any wheeling charges. For buy offers in the Sell Market table, this price represents the net revenue available to the user net of any wheeling charges. # of Viewers indicates the total number of Participants for whom a feasible contract path exists over which to schedule the transaction. "PI" indicates the Performance Index of the offer. This Index reflects the recent tendency of parties to an offer (e.g., buyer/seller and/or wheelers) to curtail transactions. As previously described, CPEX maintains both a buy/sell PI and a wheeling PI for each Participant. The buy/sell PI represents the number of times out of the most recent 100 transactions for which the Participant was a Buyer or Seller that it did not initiate curtailment. For example, if a Participant curtailed eight out of the most recent 100 transactions for which it was a Buyer or Seller, its buy/sell

0 PI would be 92. Similarly, if a Participant curtailed three of the most recent 100 transactions for which it was a Wheeler, its wheeling PI would be 97. For transactions involving no wheelers, the PI associated with an individual offer is the Buyer's or Seller's buy/sell PI. For transactions involving wheelers, the PI associated with an individual offer is the product of every Wheeler's wheeling PI and the Buyer's or Seller's buy/sell PI:

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Buyer/Seller PI		Wheeler 1 PI		PI of the Offer
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Interface indicates the interface over which the transaction would be scheduled if the offer were accepted. This interface is on the lease-cost path available for scheduling the transaction.

10 Within the Buy Market and Sell Market tabs, two buttons are available to the user for acting on the offers. The Buy/Sell button accepts, upon confirmation, the selected offer(s) to buy or sell. Up to three offers to buy or sell may be selected at one time. The Filter button allows the user to specify MWh and/or \$/MWh criteria for displaying offers in the Buy Market or Sell Market tables. To accept an offer(s) to buy or sell, the user selects the desired offer(s) in either the Buy Market or the Sell Market table and presses the Buy or Sell button, respectively.

15 Figure 21 illustrates the software generated screen displayed when the user selects the two offers paying highest prices 180 in the Sell Market table. In other words, a Participant with excess energy can choose to sell this excess to the highest bidder. In this example, one Participant has offered to pay \$16.10/MWh for 45 MWh. A second bid has also been accepted to buy 32 MWh at \$16.05/MWh. Upon pressing the Sell button, the Sell Confirmation dialogue box 182, shown in

20 Figure 22, appears. Upon reviewing the offer(s) selected, the user may confirm the sales by pressing

0 the Confirm button or deselect the offer(s) and terminate the sell process by pressing the Cancel button.

After pressing the Confirm button, the Market View is updated to reflect the acceptance of the two offers, as shown below. First, the two offers accepted are no longer available to Participants and are removed from the Sell Market table. In addition, each of the three displays in the Activity Summary, or "Dashboard" are updated. The Schedule List shows the two transactions just accepted and the Total/Net Activity Summary indicates total sales of 77 MW generating \$1,238 in revenue. The Interface Usage Bar Chart reflects the effect of the two transactions on available interface capacity. Both the SIPC and the IPC "Out" interface capacity bar chart are partly shaded GREEN to indicate the scheduling of sales across those interfaces.

10 To increase the effectiveness of CPEX for each Participant, a Filter button 184 is provided for both the Sell Market and the Buy Market tables. This feature enables the user to screen, or "filter," offers in the Buy Market or Sell Market tables. When the user presses the Filter button, the dialogue box shown in Figures 24 and 25 appears. If the user is, for example, unable to buy more than 75 MW of interruptible energy for the Next-hour and unwilling to pay more than \$17.50/MWh for that energy, he may filter the offers to reflect those parameters. This is accomplished using the ">=" and "<=" radio buttons 186 and MWh and \$/MWh data entry fields 188, 190 as shown in the dialogue box below. If the user wishes to cancel the filter entries and return to the Buy Market, he may press the Cancel button. If the user wishes to implement the filter entries, he may press the Accept button. Upon pressing the Accept button, the Buy Market table 196 is updated to reflect the new filter criteria as shown in Figure 26. Unless changed by the operator, these filter criteria apply

0 to both the interruptible and the non-interruptible offer tables in this Buy Market panel. However,  
the Buy Market tab may also be selected in the left-side panel of CPEX, the non-interruptible radio  
button 194 selected, and a different set of filter criteria input and applied to that Buy Market table.  
All filter criteria remain in effect until changed by the user.

5 The Schedule tab 196 displays information concerning each consummated Buy and Sell  
transaction of the Participant for either the Current or Next-hour. Figure 27 illustrates the software  
generated screen displayed when the Schedule tab 196 is selected in the right side panel. For each  
buy and sell transaction, the Schedule tab 198 displays information for the transaction. MWh  
indicates the quantity of energy bought or sold. \$/MWh indicates the price paid for energy purchases  
or price received for energy sales. N/I indicates whether the energy sale is non-interruptible or  
10 interruptible. Interface indicates which interface over which the transaction is scheduled for the  
Current Hour or will be scheduled for the Next-hour. From the Schedule tab, individual buy or sell  
transactions may be curtailed as necessary using the Curtail button 200.

15 From the Market View, the user may press the Transmission button 202 in the lower left  
corner to toggle to the Transmission View which is shown in Figures 28 and 29. Within the  
Transmission View, two displays are available for both the current hour and the next-hour. The Link  
tab 204 displays information concerning the scheduling of all interface-to-interface contract wheeling  
paths across the Participant's system. The Transmission tab 206 displays information concerning the  
availability and scheduling of each of the Participant's interfaces with other Participants.

20 Referring to Figure 28, the Link tab 204 displays information for each interface-to-interface  
contract wheeling path across the Participant's system. Interface indicates the point or group of



0 points on the Participant's system at which energy is scheduled to or from another Participant. MWh  
indicates the quantity of energy wheeled/scheduled between the two interfaces of each path. \$/MWh  
indicates the wheeling rate for each path. Total \$ indicates the total wheeling revenue from  
transactions scheduled on each path. "# Trans" indicates the number of offers available in the  
marketplace which rely on each path in its least cost path determination. All information in the Link  
5 table is view-only. Wheeling rates may be updated prior to market opening in the Future Markets  
Setup.

Referring to Figure 29, the Transmission tab generates a software generated display which  
indicates the transaction scheduling and availability at each of the Participant's interfaces. Interface  
indicates the point or group of points on the Participant's system at which energy is scheduled. Max  
10 (In/Out) indicates the maximum import and export limit at each interface for CPEX transactions as  
specified by the Participant. Selecting the Max In or Max Out limit for any interface causes the  
corresponding maximum limit designated by the Participant's neighbor on that interface to be  
displayed in the lower left corner of the Transmission tab panel. The maximum limits set by  
neighboring Participants for the same interface need not agree. Instead, CPEX imposes the lower  
15 of the two Participants' maximum limits on the hourly Market Limits set by each Participant's user.  
Market Limit (In/Out) indicates the hourly import and export limit at each interface for CPEX  
transactions as specified by the user. These limits can be between zero and the Max Limit for the  
interface and are confirmed by the user when the market opens each hour. These limits may be  
changed by the user at any time for either the current Hour or the Next-hour by selecting the limit to  
20 be changed, entering the new limit, and pressing the Update button 208. When selecting a Market

0 Limit, the corresponding Market Limit designated by the Participant's neighbor on that interface is displayed in the lower left corner of the Transmission tab panel. The hourly Market Limits set by neighboring Participants for the same interface need not agree. In determining whether or not a transaction can be scheduled across an interface, CPEX relies on the lower of the two neighboring Participants' Market Limits. If a Market Limit is reduced to a value less than the Scheduled Activity  
5 across that interface, a curtailment(s) is required. Available indicates the remaining hourly import and export capability at each interface and represents the difference between the Market Limit and all scheduled activity. Transactions indicates the total quantity of energy sales and purchases scheduled across each interface. Wheeling indicates the total quantity of energy wheeling scheduled across each interface.

10 The designation of Market Limits in CPEX makes transmission available to all Participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Once these limits are confirmed when the market opens each hour, the transmission made available may be used by the transmission-owning Participant for its own energy purchase or sales or by other Participants to wheel energy. Anytime a transaction is consummated which relies on a Participant's available interface capabilities for least cost scheduling,  
15 the Participant is immediately made aware of the transmission service to be provided, as indicated in the Transmission tab panel shown in Figure 30. In this example, Central Illinois Public Service (CIPS) will wheel 60 MW of Next-hour energy received from CILC and delivered to SIPC. The Transmission table reflects this amount in Scheduled Activity and reduces Available interface capacity by the same amount. The Total/Net Activity Summary 150 is also updated to reflect the 60 MW of  
20 energy to be wheeled and the \$120 of wheeling revenue to be earned. Likewise, the Interface Usage

0 Bar Chart 152 reflects the effect of the wheeling transaction on available interface capacity. Both the  
SIPC "In" and the IPC "Out" interface capacity bar charts are partly shaded to indicate the scheduling  
of wheeling across those interfaces. A reduction in the Transmission Market Limits may result in the  
curtailment of scheduled transactions. If this occurs, the user is required to confirm or cancel the  
transmission interface capacity update. Figure 31 illustrates a software generated screen displayed  
5 when the Link table of the Transmission View is updated to reflect the wheeling transaction. The  
CILC/SIPC interface-to-interface path includes the 60 MW wheeling transaction and \$120 of  
wheeling revenue based on the \$2.00/MWh wheeling rate.

At the close of the market at forty minutes after the hour, each Participant receives the  
Schedule Summary shown in Figure 32. Information about each Buy and Sell Transaction is  
10 displayed as in the Schedule tab of the Market View. In this example, there are no buy transactions  
210, but there are two sell transactions 212. In other words, CIPS has agreed to sell 77 MWh of  
energy during the next-hour. In addition, information concerning the net interchange schedule over  
each interface is also provided. Specifically, the quantity (MWh) and direction (delivered/received)  
of energy scheduled over each interface, including sales, purchases, and wheeling, is noted as well  
15 as the Participant's total net interchange. To remove the Schedule Summary display, the user presses  
the Confirm button. Should any transactions to which the Participant is a party be curtailed after  
market closing and prior to ramping in, a revised Schedule Summary accompanies the curtailment  
notification.

Figure 33 illustrates the software generated Future Markets Setup screen which enables the  
20 user to store default values for transmission service (wheeling rates) and transmission (interface)

0 limits, as well as offers to buy and sell energy. This screen is accessed by selecting the Future Market  
button 214 on the Market View screen. The values displayed in the Future Market setup take effect  
at the beginning of the Next-hour and every hour thereafter unless the values are changed in the  
Future Markets Setup. To change a transmission (wheeling) service charge for subsequent hours,  
the user selects the desired interface and enters the new rate for the appropriate wheeling path in the  
5 upper right panel of this display. At the beginning of the hour, this new rate will be displayed in the  
\$MWh column of the Link display. To change transmission (interface) limit for subsequent hours,  
the user selects the desired interface and enters the new Limit In or Limit Out value in the lower right  
panel of this display. When the market opens for the Next-hour, the revised limit is reflected in the  
interface limits table of the Market Open dialogue box and in the Transmission table of the  
10 Transmission View. The user may also store buy and sell offers in the Future Market Setup, as the  
upper and lower left panels of the display indicate. When the market opens Next-hour, these offers  
are "pre-loaded" in the Participant's Buy and Sell tabs of the Market View. The user must then press  
the Send button within the Buy or Sell tabs to submit these offers to the marketplace; otherwise, the  
offers are not displayed to any other Participants. The user may edit information (MWh, \$/MWh, N/I  
15 or Usage Fee) about these "pre-loaded" offers in the Buy or Sell tab prior to submitting the offer to  
the marketplace. "Pre-loaded" offers may also be deleted.

The Reveal button 216, shown in Figure 31, allows the user to know the identities and roles  
of all parties to each Next-hour and Current Hour transaction to which it is a party. The Reveal  
button is activated if the Current Hour radio button at the bottom center of the CPEX display is  
20 selected or if the Next-hour radio button is selected and the market has closed. The designation of

0 this radio button determines whether the transactions displayed are Next-hour or Current Hour. Figure 34 illustrates the screen displayed when the Reveal button is selected. Information concerning all Buy, Sell, and Wheeling transactions to which the Participant is party are displayed as shown to the right. The identity of the Buyer, Seller, and Wheeler(s), if any, for each transaction is revealed. The total net scheduled interchange for the Participant is also displayed. If necessary, the user may  
5 curtail an individual Buy, Sell or Wheeling transaction by selecting the transaction and pressing the Curtail button. To remove the Reveal display, the user may press the Close button.

Pressing the US Map button 218, shown in Figure 31, provides the Participant with a Connections "bubble" diagram as shown in Figure 35. This graphic includes the Participant, the Participant's directly-connected Participants, and the net interchange with each for both the Current and the Next-hour. The value within the Participant's "bubble" 220 indicates the net interchange with all of the Participants. For example, in this example, the net effect of the Participant's activities resulted in the sale of 50 MWh of next-hour energy. The values on the tielines between Participant "bubbles" indicate the net amount and direction of interchange between the two Participants.  
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To Logout of CPEX, the user presses the Logout button 220 at the bottom right of the CPEX display. The user is prompted to confirm that he wishes to Logout, and upon doing so, the CPEX Logout is complete. It is important to note that the interface limits and wheeling rates entered by the user for the Current Hour, Next-hour, and Future Markets Setup remain in effect after the user has logged out. As a result, a user should not Logout of CPEX while transactions are underway and not before setting the Participant's interface limits in the Future Markets Setup to zero.  
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## 0      **Transaction Curtailment**

10      A key feature of CPEX is the enhanced communication it provides participants when  
15      transactions must be curtailed. When curtailment is initiated by a Buyer, Seller, or wheeler, CPEX  
20      provides the electronic means to immediately and systematically communicate and acknowledge  
25      transaction curtailments. Curtailments may be initiated by a Buyer or Seller in the Schedule tab of the  
30      Market View or in the Schedule Summary provided upon market closing. Wheelers may initiate  
35      curtailment in the Transmission tab of the Transmission View or in the Schedule Summary provided  
40      upon market closing. Transactions scheduled for either the Current Hour or the Next Hour may be  
45      curtailed. The curtailment of Current Hour transactions affects energy deliveries already in progress,  
50      while the curtailment of Next Hour transactions affects transactions already consummated, but not yet  
55      underway. Curtailment procedures in CPEX recognize this fundamental difference. Curtailment of  
60      Current Hour transactions must communicate curtailment start time, ramp period, and integrated  
65      values and requires acknowledgment from both Buyer and Seller. If either Buyer or Seller fails to  
70      acknowledge a curtailment, the other party is immediately notified and provided with the information  
75      necessary to obtain a verbal acknowledgment. Next Hour transactions require no acknowledgment  
80      because, upon market closing, a Next Hour Schedule Summary, which includes the curtailment, is sent  
85      to each Participant. However, for a Next Hour transaction curtailed after market closing, a revised  
90      Schedule Summary reflecting the curtailment accompanies the curtailment notification.

95      Referring to Figure 37, a transaction involves a Buyer 230, Seller 232, and two wheelers 234,  
100      236. If the Buyer curtails a current hour transaction, the Buyer would select the either the Schedule  
105      tab of the Market View or the Schedule Summary provided upon market closing. The Buyer then

0 selects the Current Hour transaction to be curtailed and presses the Curtail Button 200, shown in Figure 27. The Initiate Curtail dialogue box 240, shown in Figure 37, appears. Because the transaction is already underway, the Operator must specify the start time 242 for ramping out the transaction as well as indicate whether the ramp will be accomplished immediately or over 10 minutes 244. The ramp start time defaults to the next minute and the ramp time defaults to 10 minutes. CPEX  
5 performs the necessary integration to determine the total energy (MWh) purchased and total cost (\$) of that purchase using the designated ramping parameters and displays 246 the results. When completed, the Operator presses the Confirm button 248 and CPEX immediately notifies the other parties to the transaction of the curtailment. If the Operator wishes to discontinue the curtailment, he may press the Cancel button 250 to terminate the curtailment process.

10 Immediately after the initiator of the curtailment presses the Confirm button, the Seller receives the message 252, shown in Figure 38. An audible notification accompanies the message. The Seller is notified of the transaction to be curtailed, ramping out parameters, and the integrated quantity of energy (MWh) sold and revenue (\$) earned. By pressing the Acknowledge button 254, the Seller confirms the curtailment and makes the necessary changes in its energy management system.  
15 The Seller must acknowledge the notification in order for the curtailment procedure to be completed. If the Seller does not acknowledge the curtailment within 40 seconds, the Buyer is immediately notified of the Seller's failure to do so. In doing so, CPEX presents the Buyer with the Acknowledge Failure notification 256, shown in Figure 39. The Participant name and control center phone number of the Seller who failed to confirm curtailment of the particular transaction is displayed 258 to the  
20 Buyer. An audible notification can accompany the message. The Buyer may then contact the Seller

0 by phone to verbally request that he acknowledge the curtailment. Once the curtailment procedure is completed, the Buyer presses the OK button 260 to remove the Acknowledge Failure notification.

Wheelers 1 and 2 are also immediately notified of the curtailment after the initiator of the curtailment presses the Confirm button. Wheeler 1 and Wheeler 2 receive the respective Acknowledge Curtail notifications as shown in Figures 40 and 41. Audible notification accompanies these messages. Each wheeler is notified of the transaction to be curtailed, ramping out parameters, and the integrated quantity of energy (MWh) wheeled and total wheeling revenue (\$) earned. By pressing the Acknowledge button, each wheeler may remove the Acknowledge Curtail notification. Wheelers are not required to acknowledge the notification in order for the curtailment procedure to be completed.

10 Figures 42 to illustrate a wheeler initiated curtailment involving two transactions involving two different Buyers, the same Seller, and the same two wheelers. If Wheeler 1 were to experience the loss of the transmission line(s) with Wheeler 2, Wheeler 1 may proceed to curtail all transactions scheduled across that interface. In the Transmission Tab of the Transmission View, shown in Figure 42, Wheeler 1 selects the Current Hour Market Limit In and Out for the IPC interface, enters zero for both, and presses the Update button 262. Because the updated Market Limit In for the interface is now Zero MW and lower than the total Scheduled Activity 264 of 117 MW, transaction curtailment is necessary. CPEX identifies the transactions scheduled over the interface to be curtailed based on the following list by increasing priority: (1) Interruptible Purchase/Sale Transactions; (2) Wheeling for Interruptible Purchase/Sale Transactions; (3) Wheeling for Non-Interruptible Purchase/Sale Transactions; and finally (4) Non-Interruptible Purchase/Sale Transactions. Within each priority class,



0 transactions are identified for curtailment in chronological order. In other words, the last transaction consummated during the trading hour is the first transaction identified for curtailment.

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5 If a curtailment is required, CPEX identifies the transactions to be curtailed, as shown in the Initiate Curtail dialogue box 266 shown in Figure 44. In this example, both wheeling transactions scheduled into IIGE from IPC must be curtailed. Because the transactions are already underway, the Operator must specify the start time 268 for ramping out the transactions as well as indicate whether the ramp will be accomplished immediately or over 10 minutes 270. The ramp start time defaults to the next minute and the ramp time defaults to 10 minutes. In this example, the curtailment is being triggered by an equipment outage which has already occurred. The Operator, therefore, may specify an immediate ramp. CPEX performs the necessary integration to determine 272 the total energy (MWh) wheeled and total wheeling revenue (\$) earned using the designated ramping parameters. When completed, the Operator presses the Confirm button 274 and CPEX immediately notifies the other parties to the transactions of the curtailments. If the Operator wishes to discontinue the curtailment, he may press the Cancel button to terminate the curtailment process.

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20 Wheeler 2 is notified of the two curtailments immediately after the curtail initiator presses the Confirm button. Wheeler 2 receives the respective Acknowledge Curtail notifications shown in Figures 45 and 46. Audible notification also accompanies the messages. Wheeler 2 is notified of the ramping out parameters and the integrated quantity of energy (MWh) wheeled and total wheeling revenue (\$) earned for each curtailed transaction. By pressing the Acknowledge button, the Operator may remove each of the Acknowledge Curtail notifications. Wheelers are not required to acknowledge the notification in order for the curtailment procedure to be completed.

0           The Seller is also notified of the curtailment immediately after the curtail initiator presses the  
Confirm button. In this example, two of the Seller's transactions have been curtailed. CPEX provides  
the Seller with a curtailment notification for each transaction, as shown by the two messages in Figures  
47 and 48. The Seller is notified of the ramping out parameters and the integrated quantity of energy  
(MWh) sold and revenue (\$) earned for each curtailed transaction. By pressing the Acknowledge  
5   button, the Seller confirms each curtailment and makes the necessary changes in his energy  
management system. The Seller must acknowledge the notifications in order for the curtailment  
procedure to be completed for each transaction.

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10           The two Buyers are also notified of the curtailments immediately after the curtail initiator  
presses the Confirm button. CPEX provides each Buyer with a curtailment notification for the  
transaction to which it is a party, as shown by the two Acknowledge Curtail messages shown in  
Figures 49 and 50. Each Buyer is notified of the ramping out parameters and the integrated quantity  
of energy (MWh) purchased and cost (\$) for each curtailed transaction. By pressing the Acknowledge  
button, each Buyer confirms the curtailment and makes the necessary changes in its energy  
management system. Each Buyer must acknowledge its curtailment in order for the curtailment  
15   procedure to be completed for each transaction.

          If a Seller or Buyer fails to acknowledge a curtailment within 40 seconds, the other party to  
the transaction is notified. For example, if the Seller fails to acknowledge either of the curtailed  
transactions within 40 seconds, CPEX presents each Buyer with its respective Acknowledge Failure  
notification shown in Figures 51 and 52. Each Buyer receives notification concerning the transaction  
20   to which it is a party. The Participant name and control center phone number of the Seller who failed

0 to confirm curtailment of the particular transaction is displayed to each Buyer. An audible notification accompanies each message. Each Buyer may then contact the Seller by phone to request that it acknowledge each curtailment. Once a curtailment procedure is completed, the Buyer presses the OK button to remove the Acknowledge Failure notification. In a preferred embodiment, both the Seller and Buyer of each transaction must acknowledge curtailment.

5 Figures 53 to 57 illustrate a Buyer/Seller curtailment of next hour transactions. A transaction involves a Buyer 230, Seller 232, and two wheelers 234, 236. In the Schedule tab of the Market View, the Buyer selects the Next Hour transaction to be curtailed and presses the Curtail button. The Initiate Curtail dialogue box appears as shown in Figure 54. Because the transaction is not yet underway, ramping information is not needed from the user. The Operator presses the Confirm button 270 and  
10 CPEX immediately notifies the other parties to the transaction of the curtailment. If the Operator wishes to discontinue the curtailment, he may press the Cancel button 272 to terminate the curtailment process. Immediately after the initiator of the curtailment presses the Confirm button, the Seller receives the message 274 shown in Figure 55. An audible notification accompanies the message. The Seller is notified of the transaction to be curtailed for the Next Hour. Pressing the Acknowledge  
15 button removes the Acknowledge Curtail dialogue box and the curtailment procedure is completed. The Schedule Summary sent to the user at market closing reflects the curtailment by excluding the transaction from the schedule. If the curtailment of a Next Hour transaction occurs during the period between market closing and ramping, a revised Schedule Summary reflecting the curtailment is sent to the user immediately following the Acknowledge Curtail message.

20 Wheelers 1 and 2 are also immediately notified of the curtailment after the initiator of the

0 curtailment presses the Confirm button. Wheeler 1 and Wheeler 2 receive the respective  
Acknowledge Curtail notifications shown in Figures 56 and 57. Audible notification also  
accompanies these messages. Each wheeler is notified of the transaction to be curtailed and, by  
pressing the Acknowledge button, may remove the Acknowledge Curtail notification. As with the  
Seller, Schedule Summaries sent to each wheeler prior to the Next Hour reflect the curtailment and  
5 exclude the transaction.

Figures 58 to 60 illustrate a next hour curtailment initiated by a wheeler. Two transactions  
involve two different Buyers, the same Seller, and the same two wheelers. If Wheeler 1 were to  
experience the loss of the transmission line(s) with Wheeler 2, Wheeler 1 may proceed to curtail all  
transactions scheduled across that interface in both the Current Hour and Next Hour. In the  
10 Transmission Tab of the Transmission View, as shown in Figure 59, Wheeler 1 selects the Next Hour  
Market Limit In and Out for the IPC interface, enters zero for both, and presses the Update button 278.  
Because the updated Market Limit In for the interface is now Zero MW and lower than the total  
Scheduled Activity 280 of 117 MW, transaction curtailment is necessary. CPEX identifies the  
transactions scheduled over the interface to be curtailed based on the following list by increasing  
15 priority: (1) Interruptible Purchase/Sale Transactions; (2) Wheeling for Interruptible Purchase/Sale  
Transactions; (3) Wheeling for Non-Interruptible Purchase/Sale Transactions; and finally (4) Non-  
Interruptible Purchase/Sale Transactions. Within each priority class, transactions are identified for  
curtailment in chronological order. In other words, the last transaction consummated prior to the  
interface limit reduction is the first transaction identified for curtailment.

20 If a curtailment is required, CPEX identifies the transactions to be curtailed, as shown in the

0 initiate Curtail dialogue box in Figure 60. In this example, both wheeling transactions scheduled into  
IIGE from IPC must be curtailed. Because the transactions are not yet underway, the Operator need  
not specify ramping information. The Operator presses the Confirm button and CPEX immediately  
notifies the other parties to the transactions of the curtailments. If the Operator wishes to discontinue  
the curtailment, he may press the Cancel button to terminate the curtailment process. Wheeler 2 is  
5 notified of the two curtailments immediately after the curtail initiator presses the Confirm button.  
Wheeler 2 receives the respective Acknowledge Curtail notifications similar to those above. Audible  
notification also accompanies the messages. Pressing the Acknowledge button removes the  
Acknowledge Curtail messages. The Schedule Summary sent to the user at market closing reflects  
the curtailment by excluding the transaction from the schedule. If the curtailment of a Next Hour  
10 transaction occurs during the period between market closing and ramping, a revised Schedule  
Summary reflecting the curtailment is sent to the user immediately following the Acknowledge Curtail  
message.

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15 The Seller is also notified of the curtailment immediately after the curtail initiator presses the  
Confirm button. In this example, two of the Seller's transactions have been curtailed. CPEX provides  
the Seller with a curtailment notification for each transaction. As with the wheelers above, Schedule  
Summaries sent to the Seller prior to the Next Hour appropriately exclude the curtailed transactions.  
The two Buyers are also notified of the curtailments immediately after the curtail initiator presses the  
Confirm button. CPEX provides each Buyer with a curtailment notification for the transaction to  
which it is a party. Each Buyer may remove the Acknowledge Curtail notification by pressing the  
20 Acknowledge button. As with the Seller, Schedule Summaries sent to each Buyer prior to the Next

0 Hour reflect the curtailment and exclude the transaction.

## System Hardware

Figure 61 provides an illustration of the hardware required for the software. Once installed on a general purpose computer 230, the software creates a special purpose machine. A typical configuration consists of a computer 232 having an Intel 486DX 66Mhz CPU, 8 Megabytes of RAM, 5 a data bus to transport data between the CPU and the memory, a power supply to operate the machine, and a 256-color, SVGA display 234 to view and manipulate the screens discussed above. The computer must also have an Ethernet network card, and a router to allow the connection of a Participant's computer to the CPEX Wide-Area Network and other Participant's computers. A keyboard 236 and mouse 238 can be used to enter data. Local telephone carriers install a dedicated 10 telephone line that connects to the long distance carrier. This combination of equipment enables the dispatchers to log into the CPEX system.

## Least Cost Path

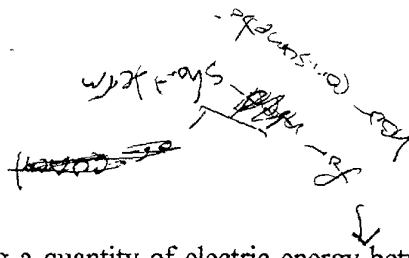
CPEX calculates the path of least cost from any point A to any other point B using pricing 15 and available capacity information from the database. As transactions are consummated and available transmission capacity is consumed on the least cost path, CPEX presents offers to Participants over alternative paths, in next-best cost order. Figure 62 provides an example involving seven participants. Participant A floats an offer to sell 50MWh at \$18/MWh. Assuming all paths have at least 50 MW of available transmission capacity, CPEX then calculates the least cost path from A to G. In this 20 example, the least cost path is through C, who adds \$2.20 for wheeling, and E, who adds \$1.50 for

0 wheeling. The 50 MWh is shown on Participant G's terminal as 50 MWh at \$21.70, and scheduled to enter G's system across the interface with Participant E if consummated.

Figure 63 uses the same pricing as before, with the exception that there is less than 50 MWh of available transmission capacity between C and E. Since this path is not valid for the 50 Mwh sell offer from A to G, CPEX locates the next valid, least cost path. In this example, the sell offer would  
5 be presented to Participant G as 50 Mwh at \$21.74, and scheduled to be received across G's interface with if consummated. This feature helps ensure the integrity of the electrical grid.

Although preferred embodiments of the present invention have been described in the foregoing Detailed Description and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, it will be understood that the invention is not limited to the embodiments disclosed, but is capable of numerous rearrangements, modifications, and substitutions of parts and elements without departing from the spirit of the invention. Accordingly, the present invention is intended to encompass such  
10 rearrangements, modifications, and substitutions of parts and elements as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

**WE CLAIM:**



1. A method of selling a quantity of electric energy between at least two participants, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) connecting a first participant to a database display;
- (b) connecting a second participant to the database display; and
- (c) displaying a price for the quantity of electrical energy.

2. The method of Claim 1 wherein step of displaying the price further comprises calculating a least cost path for the delivery of the quantity of electric energy from the first participant to the second participant.

3. The method of Claim 1 wherein step (c) further comprises:

- (a) displaying a seller's market; and
- (b) displaying a buyer's market.

4. The method of Claim 1 wherein step (c) further comprises:

- (a) recording a transmission limit between said first and second participant;
- (b) verifying that the quantity of electrical energy is less than said transmission limit.

5. The method of Claim 1 further comprises classifying the quantity of electrical energy as interruptible or noninterruptible.



6. The method of Claim 1 further comprises:
- (d) consummating a transaction between the participants for the quantity of electrical energy.
7. The method of Claim 6 further comprises:
- (e) curtailing the transaction between the participants.
8. The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of displaying the least cost path comprises
- (a) determining each path for transmitting the electrical energy from the first participant to the second participant; and
  - (b) adding any wheeling charges associated with said paths.
9. The method of Claim 1 further comprises maintaining a participant's identity anonymous.
10. The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of displaying the cost of the electric energy further comprises filtering any offers outside of a predetermined range of price.
11. The method of Claim 1 further comprises displaying a reliability indicator associated with any offer to sell electric energy.

12. The method of Claim 1 wherein the step of displaying further comprises:
- (a) establishing a database of current hour offers;
  - (b) establishing a database of next hour offers;
13. The method of Claim 12 further comprises displaying the next hour offers during the current hour.
14. The method of Claim 13 further comprises stopping the consummation of next hour transactions at a predetermined time during the current hour.

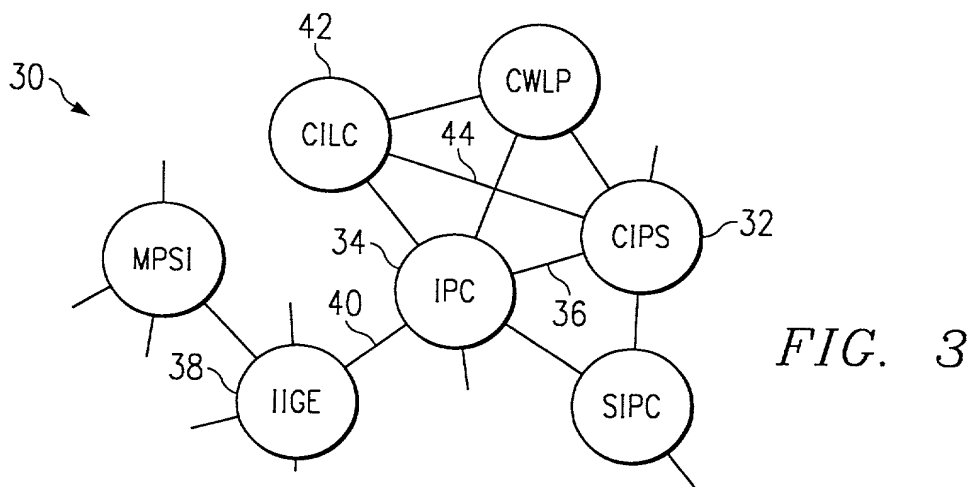
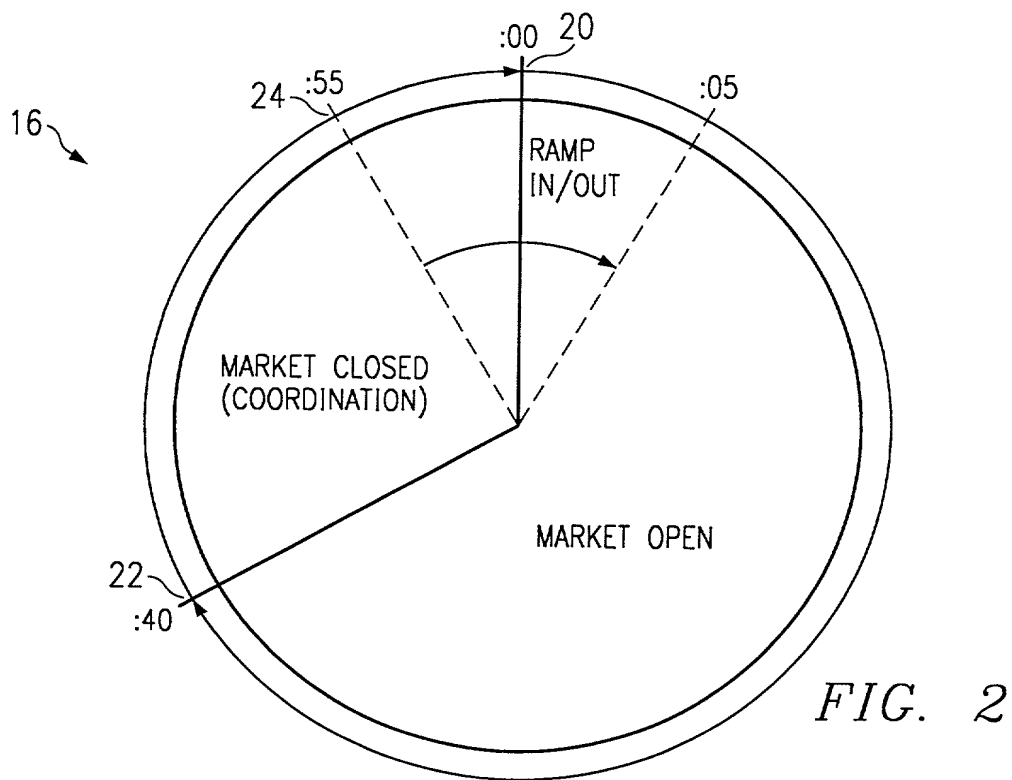
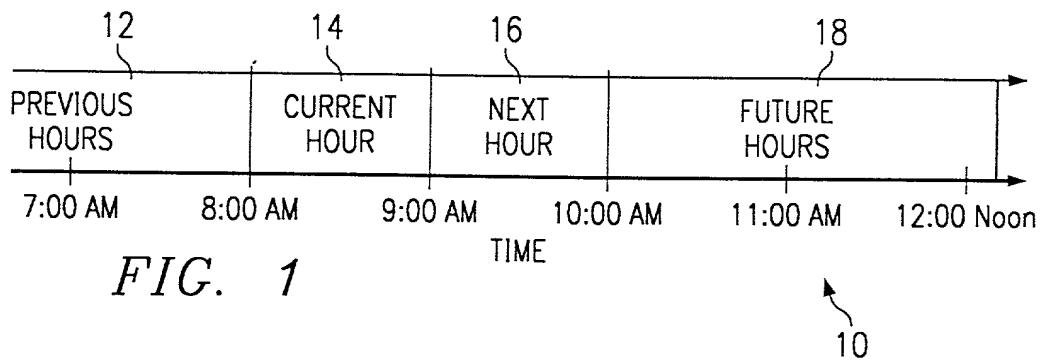
15. An apparatus for the trading of electrical energy between a first and a second utility comprising:

- (a) means for storing at least one offer for the purchase of electrical energy
- (b) means for displaying said at least one offer;
- © means for allowing one of said participant's to accept said offer;

## APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TRADING ELECTRIC ENERGY

### ABSTRACT

Electric energy can be traded between connected participants such as utility companies. The present method provides a common marketplace which provides participants the ability to display both buy and sell offers to the other participants. The marketplace also allows the participants to consummate a transaction for a quantity of electrical energy. The method further allows the participants to curtail transactions and the delivery of the electrical energy if necessary.



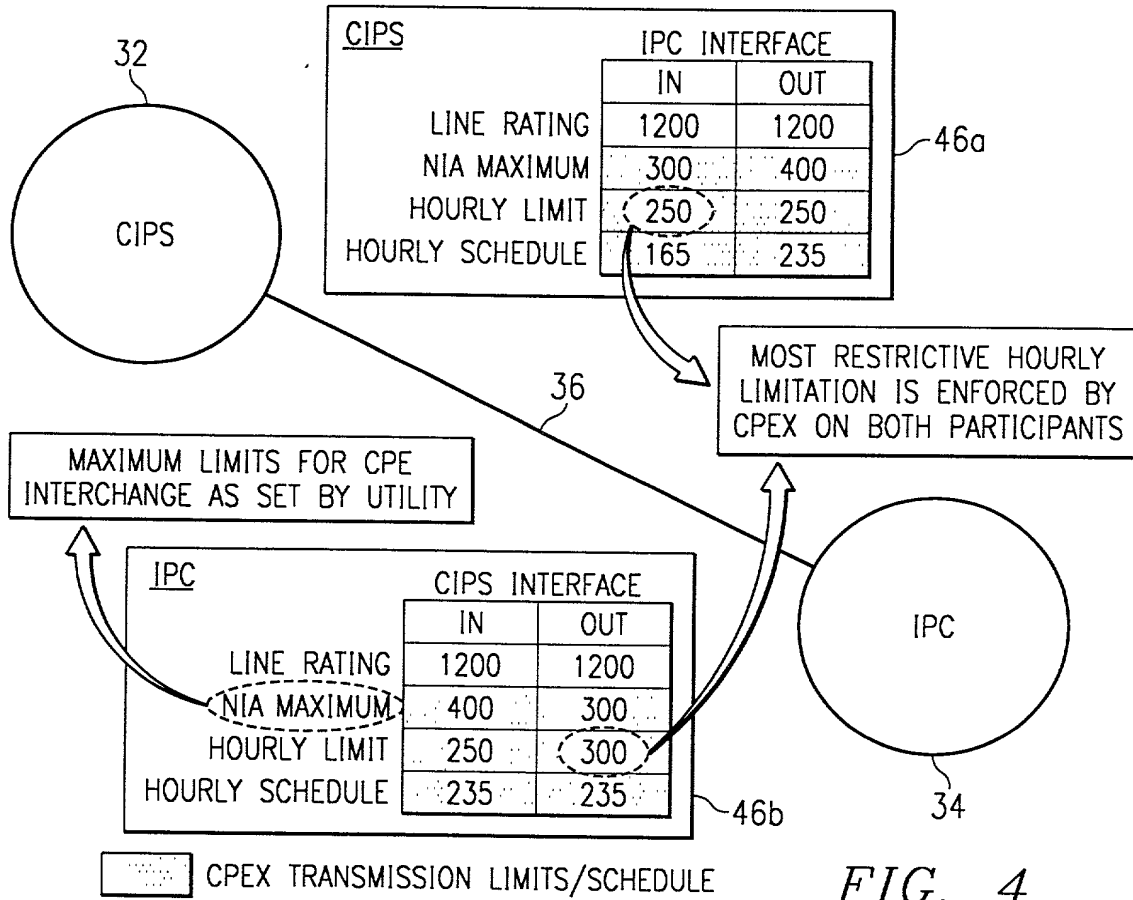


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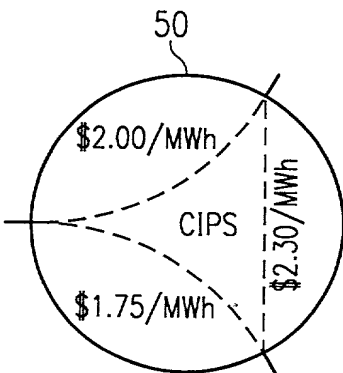


FIG. 5

Login

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Continental Power Exchange, Inc.

Version 4.1

Login ID 62

Password 64

Login 68

Quit 70

Change Password 66

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Old Password 76

New Password 78

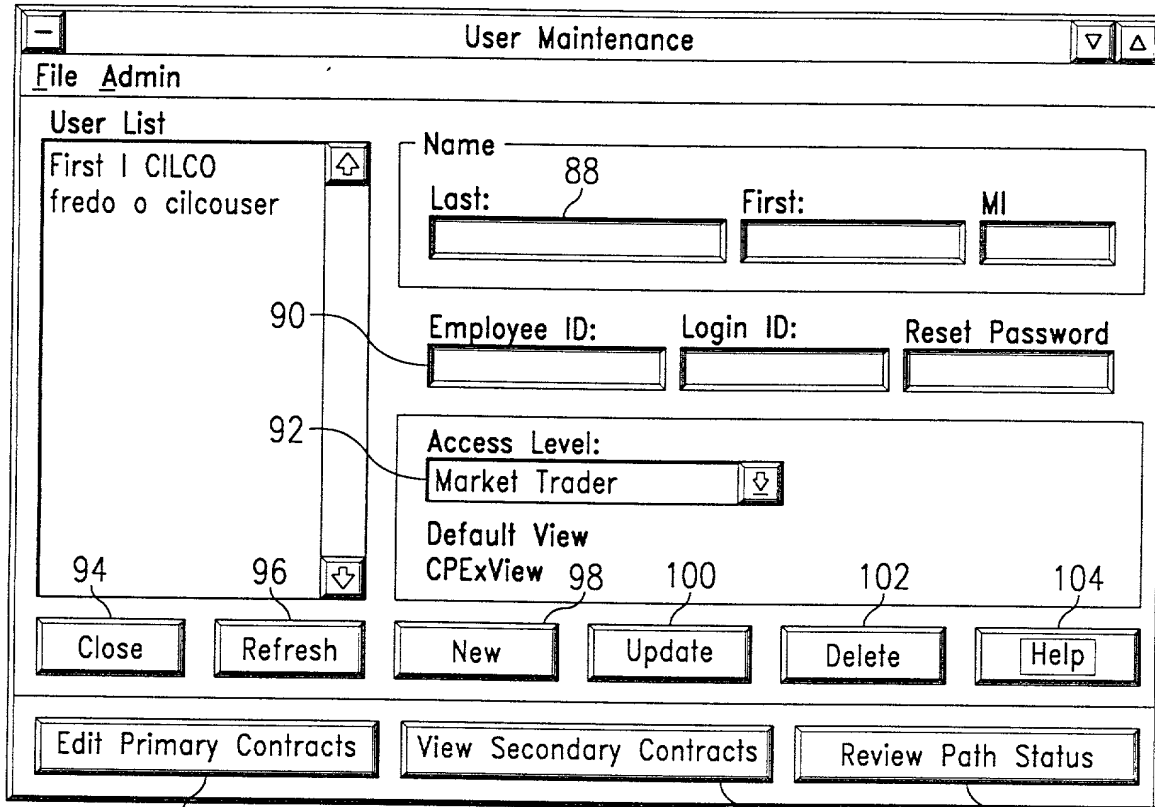
Verify New Password 80

OK 82

Cancel 84

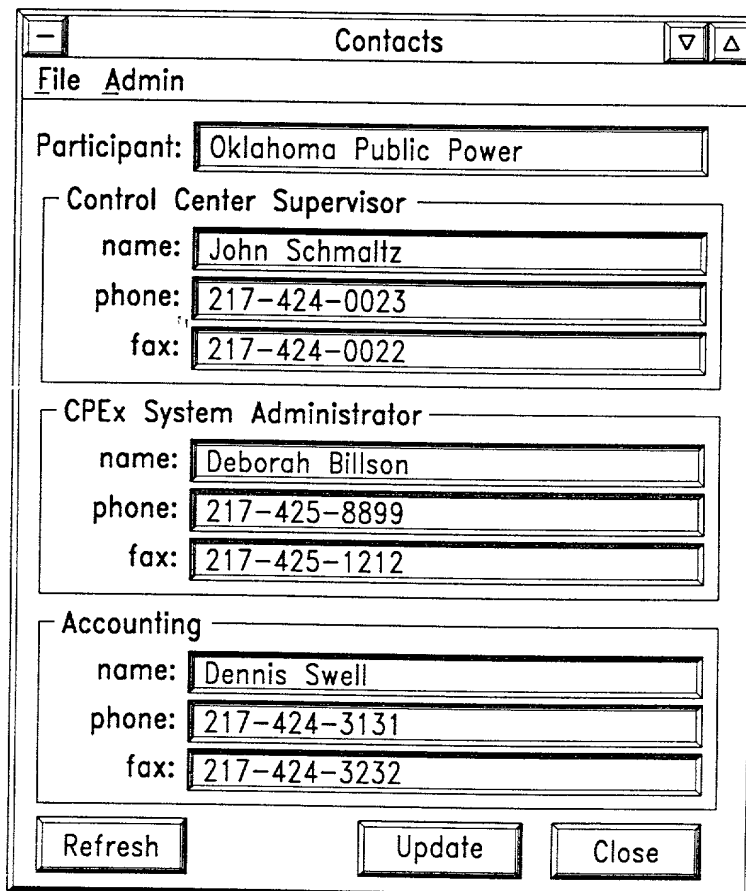
Help 86

FIG. 7



The 'User Maintenance' window features a menu bar with 'File' and 'Admin'. On the left, a 'User List' contains the entry 'First I CILCO' and 'fredo o cilcouser'. A vertical scroll bar is positioned next to the list. To the right of the list are input fields for 'Name' (with a label '88' above the 'Last:' field), 'First:', and 'MI'. Below these are fields for 'Employee ID:', 'Login ID:', and 'Reset Password'. An 'Access Level:' dropdown menu is set to 'Market Trader'. A 'Default View' section includes 'CPExView' (with a label '98' above it), '100', '102', and '104'. At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Close' (94), 'Refresh' (96), 'New', 'Update' (100), 'Delete' (102), and 'Help' (104). A row of three buttons at the very bottom reads 'Edit Primary Contracts' (106), 'View Secondary Contracts' (108), and 'Review Path Status' (110).

FIG. 8



The 'Contacts' window has a menu bar with 'File' and 'Admin'. It displays contact information for three roles: 'Participant' (Oklahoma Public Power), 'Control Center Supervisor' (John Schmaltz, phone: 217-424-0023, fax: 217-424-0022), and 'CPEx System Administrator' (Deborah Billson, phone: 217-425-8899, fax: 217-425-1212). At the bottom, there are buttons for 'Refresh', 'Update', and 'Close'. A label '112' with an arrow points to the 'Participant' field.

FIG. 9

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FIG. 11



Review Contract Path Status Display for CILCO

List Filters

Update List Reset Filters

Seller: \*\*All\*\* Link: \*\*All\*\* Buyer: \*\*All\*\* Path Status: \*\*All\*\*

	Path (s-w-w-w-w-b)	Status	Start Date	End Date
1	ASSOC>OPPD>MDW>IIGE>IP>CWLP>CILCO			
2	CILCO>CWLP>IP>IIGE>MDW>OPPD>ASSOC			
3	CILCO>IP>IIGE>MDW>ISTATE>SJLP>LES			
4	LES>SJLP>ISTATE>MDW>IIGE>IP>CILCO			
5	CILCO>IP>IIGE>MDW>KCPL>ASSOC>EMPIRE			
6	EMPIRE>ASSOC>KCPL>MDW>IIGE>IP>CILCO			
7	CILCO>IP>IIGE>MDW>KCPL>EMPIRE>SWPCO			
8	SWPCO>EMPIRE>KCPL>MDW>IIGE>IP>CILCO			
9	ASSOC>NPPD>MDW>ISTATE>IIGE>IP>CILCO			
10	CILCO>IP>IIGE>ISTATE>MDW>NPPD>ASSOC			
11	CILCO>CIPS>IP>IIGE>ISTATE>KCPL>OPPD			
12	OPPD>KCPL>ISTATE>IIGE>IP>CIPS>CILCO			
13	BREC>SIPCO>CIPS>CWLP>IP>CILCO			
14	CILCO>IP>CWLP>CIPS>SIPCO>BREC			

Path Status: Valid Starting Date: 5/4/95 Time: 10:41 am

Ending Date: 5/4/95 Time: 10:41 am

Update Path

Close Help

FIG. 12

FIG. 13

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CIPS-Market Open

Please confirm transmission limits

Interface Name	Max In	Max Out	Limit In	Limit Out
CILC	400	200	150	200
SIPC	175	400	100	200
IPC	250	250	200	200
CWLP	375	200	300	200

0

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B/S	MWh	N/I	Interface
Buy	0		
Sell	0		
Net	0		
Wheel	0		

MWhs	\$	PI
Buy 0	0	100
Sell 0	(0)	
Net 0	0	150
Wheel 0	0	100

300 In 0 0 Out 300

☐ CILC ☐  
☐ CWLP ☐  
☐ IPC ☐  
☐ SIPC ☐

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B/S	MWh	N/I	Interface
			↑
			↓

FIG. 15a

	MWhs	\$	PI
Buy	0	0	100
Sell	0	(0)	
Net	0	0	
Wheel	0	0	100

FIG. 15b

154 ☒ Text ☐ Graph MWh ☐ Graph \$

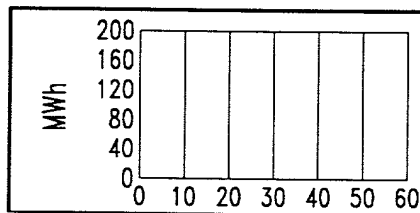


FIG. 15c

☐ Text ☒ Graph MWh ☐ Graph \$

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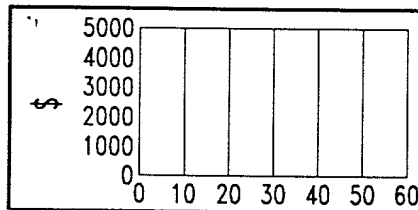


FIG. 15d

☐ Text ☐ Graph MWh ☒ Graph \$

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300 In 0		0 Out 300	
<input type="checkbox"/> CILC			↑
<input type="checkbox"/> CWLP			
<input type="checkbox"/> IPC			↓
<input type="checkbox"/> SIPC			

FIG. 15e

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CIPS-Market View Hour Ending: 900
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Buy
Sell
Buy Market
Sell Market
Schedule

Offers-Not Yet Taken
Withdraw

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	#Viewers	
				▲
				▼

Add Offers:

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	Usage Fee		
				▲	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>Send</div> <div>Add</div> <div>Delete</div> </div>
				▼	

CIPS-Market View Hour Ending: 900
▼ ▲

Buy
Sell
Buy Market
Sell Market
Schedule

Offers-Not Yet Taken
Withdraw

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	#Viewers	
				▲
				▼

Add Offers:

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I		
			▲	<div style="display: flex; flex-direction: column; align-items: center;"> <div>Send</div> <div>Add</div> <div>Delete</div> </div>
			▼	

B/S MWh N/I Interface


▲

▼

	MWhs	\$	PI				
Buy	0	0	100	300 In	0	0 Out	300
Sell	0	(0)					
Net	0	0					
Wheel	0	0	100				

☒ Text  
☐ Graph MWh  
☐ Graph \$

☐ CILC  
☐ CWLP  
☐ IPC  
☐ SIPC

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FIG. 16

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CIPS-Market View Hour Ending: 900
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Buy
Sell
Buy Market
Sell Market
Schedule

Offers-Not Yet Taken Withdraw

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	#Viewers

Add Offers:

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	Usage Fee

Send  
Add  
Delete

Buy
Sell
Buy Market
Sell Market
Schedule

Offers-Not Yet Taken Withdraw

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	#Viewers

Add Offers:

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I
20	15.00	1
20	15.00	1
20		

Send  
Add  
Delete

B/S
MWh
N/I
Interface

B/S	MWh	N/I	Interface

	MWhs	\$	PI
Buy	0	0	100
Sell	0	(0)	
Net	0	0	
Wheel	0	0	100

300 In 0 0 Out 300

☐ CILC   
☐ CWLP   
☐ IPC   
☐ SIPC

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FIG. 17

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Buy Confirmation
▽ ▲

Confirm the following transactions to be placed on the Market?

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I
20	15.00	1
20	15.50	1
20	16.00	1

Confirm
Cancel

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Buy Sell Buy Market Sell Market Schedule

Offers-Not Yet Taken 174 Withdraw

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	#Viewers

Add Offers:

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	Usage Fee

Send  
Add  
Delete

Buy Sell Buy Market Sell Market Schedule

Offers-Not Yet Taken Withdraw

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	#Viewers
20	15.00	1	14
<u>170</u>	15.50	1	14
20	16.00	1	14

Add Offers:  172

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I

Send  
Add  
Delete

B/S MWh N/I Interface

B/S	MWh	N/I	Interface

	MWhs	\$	PI
Buy	0	0	100
Sell	0	(0)	
Net	0	0	
Wheel	0	0	100

☒ Text  
 ☐ Graph MWh  
 ☐ Graph \$

300 In 0 0 Out 300

☐ CILC  
☐ CWLP  
☐ IPC  
☐ SIPC

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CIPS-Market View Hour Ending: 900

☒ Interruptible  
 ☐ Non-Interruptible
 

Sell

MWh	\$/MWh	#Viewers	PI	Interface	
45	16.10	10	95	SIPC	↑
32	16.05	12	86	IPC	
110	15.88	7	82	IPC	
35	15.76	8	93	IPC	
12	15.72	16	78	CWLP	
64	15.53	11	84	CWLP	
50	15.38	11	91	CILC	
42	15.05	13	94	IPC	↓

MW Filter...

\$/MWh Filter...

Filter

☒ Interruptible  
 ☐ Non-Interruptible
 

Buy

MWh	\$/MWh	#Viewers	PI	Interface	
15	16.40	18	92	CWLP	↑
30	16.55	12	88	SIPC	
33	16.68	13	84	SIPC	
125	16.70	8	93	CILC	
140	16.75	4	92	CWLP	
87	16.83	6	87	IPC	
10	16.98	16	90	CILC	
92	17.05	7	89	IPC	↓

MW Filter...

\$/MWh Filter...

Filter

B/S	MWh	N/I	Interface	
				↑
				↓

	MWhs	\$	PI
Buy	0	0	100
Sell	0	(0)	
Net	0	0	
Wheel	0	0	100

300 In 0    0 Out 300

☐ CILC
 ☐ CWLP
 ☐ IPC
 ☐ SIPC

Filter

☒ Text  
 ☐ Graph MWh  
 ☐ Graph \$

☐ Current  
 ☒ Next

FIG. 20

.CIPS-Market View Hour Ending: 900

Buy Sell Buy Market Sell Market Schedule

☒ Interruptible ☐ Non-Interruptible Sell

MWh	\$/MWh	#Viewers	PI	Interface
45	16.10	10	95	SIPC
32	16.05	12	86	IPC
110	15.88	7	82	IPC
35	15.76	8	93	IPC
12	15.72	16	78	CWLP
64	15.53	11	84	CWLP
50	15.38	11	91	CILC
42	15.05	13	94	IPC

MW Filter... \$/MWh Filter... Filter

Show All Show All

Buy Sell Buy Market Sell Market Schedule

☒ Interruptible ☐ Non-Interruptible Buy

MWh	\$/MWh	#Viewers	PI	Interface
15	16.40	18	92	CWLP
30	16.55	12	88	SIPC
33	16.68	13	84	SIPC
125	16.70	8	93	CILC
140	16.75	4	92	CWLP
87	16.83	6	87	IPC
10	16.98	16	90	CILC
92	17.05	7	89	IPC

MW Filter... \$/MWh Filter... Filter

Show All Show All

B/S MWh N/I Interface


MWhs \$ PI

Buy 0 0 100

Sell 0 (0)

Net 0 0

Wheel 0 0 100

300 In 0 0 Out 300

☐ CILC ☐

☐ CWLP ☐

☐ IPC ☐

☐ SIPC ☐

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FIG. 21

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Sell Confirmation

Confirm you want to sell  
the following transactions?

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I
45	16.10	I
32	16.05	I

Confirm
Cancel

FIG. 22



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Buy Sell Buy Market Sell Market Schedule

☒ Interruptible ☐ Non-Interruptible 184 Sell

MWh	\$/MWh	#Viewers	PI	Interface
110	15.88	7	82	IPC
35	15.76	8	93	IPC
12	15.72	16	78	CWLP
64	15.53	11	84	CWLP
50	15.38	11	91	CILC
42	15.05	13	94	IPC
125	15.02	5	88	SIPC
20	14.90	14	93	CILC

MW Filter... \$/MWh Filter... Filter

Show All Show All

Buy Sell Buy Market Sell Market Schedule

☒ Interruptible ☐ Non-Interruptible Buy

MWh	\$/MWh	#Viewers	PI	Interface
15	16.40	18	92	CWLP
30	16.55	12	88	SIPC
33	16.68	13	84	SIPC
125	16.70	8	93	CILC
140	16.75	4	92	CWLP
87	16.83	6	87	IPC
10	16.98	16	90	CILC
92	17.05	7	89	IPC

MW Filter... \$/MWh Filter... Filter

Show All Show All

B/S MWh N/I Interface

S	45	I	SIPC
S	32	I	IPC

MWhs \$ PI

Buy	0	0	100
Sell	77	(1238)	
Net	77	(1238)	
Wheel	0	0	100

300 In 0 0 Out 300

☐ CILC ☐

☐ CWLP ☐

☐ IPC ☐

☐ SIPC ☐

☒ Text ☐ Graph MWh ☐ Graph \$

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FIG. 23

Market Filters

MWh...

☒ Show All

☐ >=

☐ <=

\$/MWh...

☒ Show All

☐ >=

☐ <=

Accept Cancel

FIG. 24

Market Filters

MWh...

☐ Show All 188

☐ >=

☒ <=

\$/MWh...

☐ Show All 190

☐ >=

☒ <=

Accept Cancel

FIG. 25

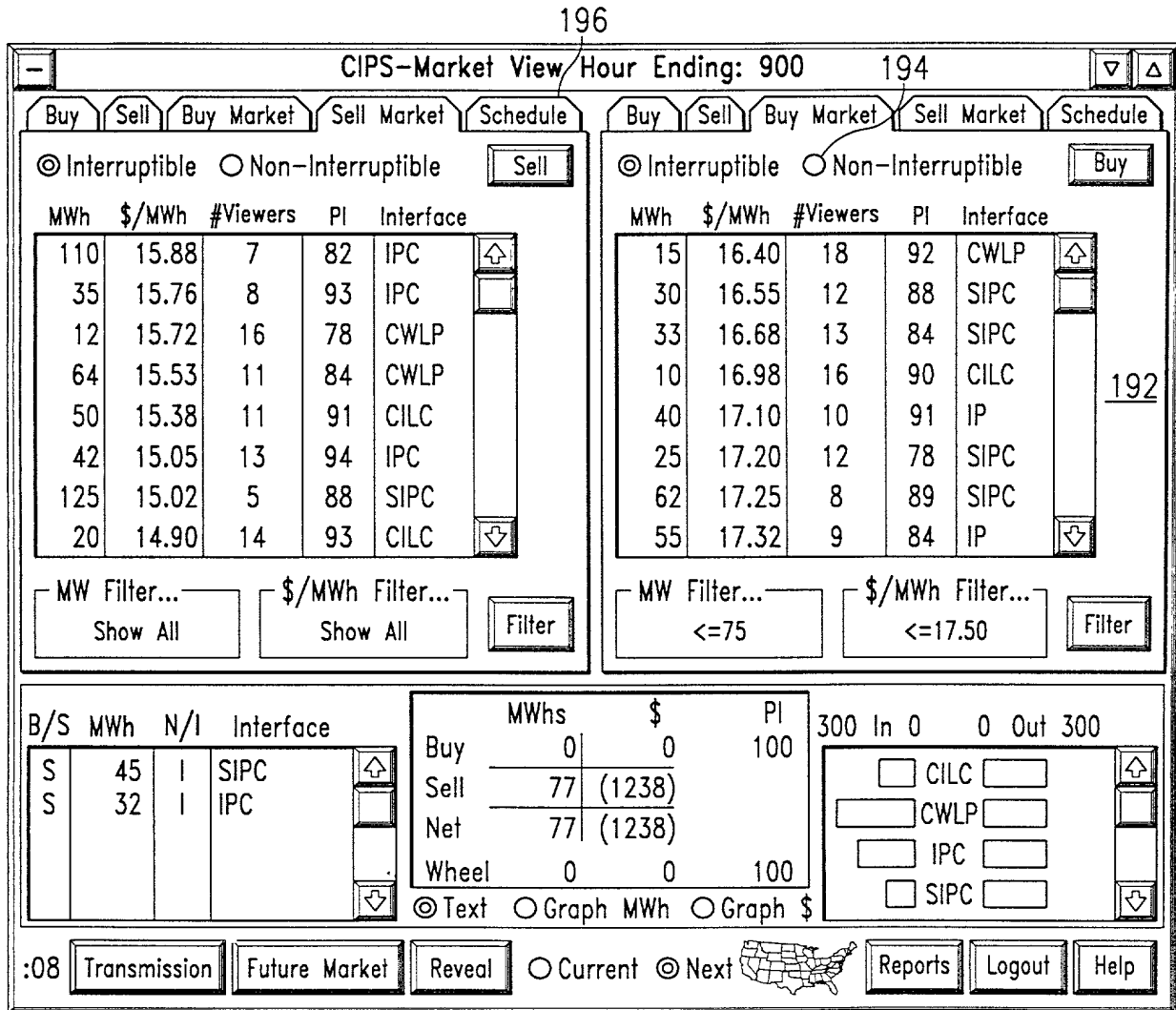


FIG. 26

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CIPS-Market View/ Hour Ending: 900

Buy Sell Buy Market Sell Market Schedule

⊙ Interruptible

○ Non-Interruptible

MWwh \$/MWwh #Viewers PI Interface

110	15.88	7	82	IPC
35	15.76	8	93	IPC
12	15.72	16	78	CWLP
64	15.53	11	84	CWLP
50	15.38	11	91	CILC
42	15.05	13	94	IPC
125	15.02	5	88	SIPC
20	14.90	14	93	CILC

MW Filter...

Show All

\$/MWwh Filter...

Show All

Filter

Buy Transactions

MWwh \$/MWwh N/I Interface

Curtail

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Sell Transactions

MWwh \$/MWwh N/I Interface

Curtail

B/S MWwh N/I Interface

S	45	1	SIPC
S	32	1	IPC

Buy

0

PI

100

Sell

77 (1238)

Net

77 (1238)

Wheel

0

0

100

⊙ Text

○ Graph

MWwh

○ Graph

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300 In

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0

Out

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FIG. 27

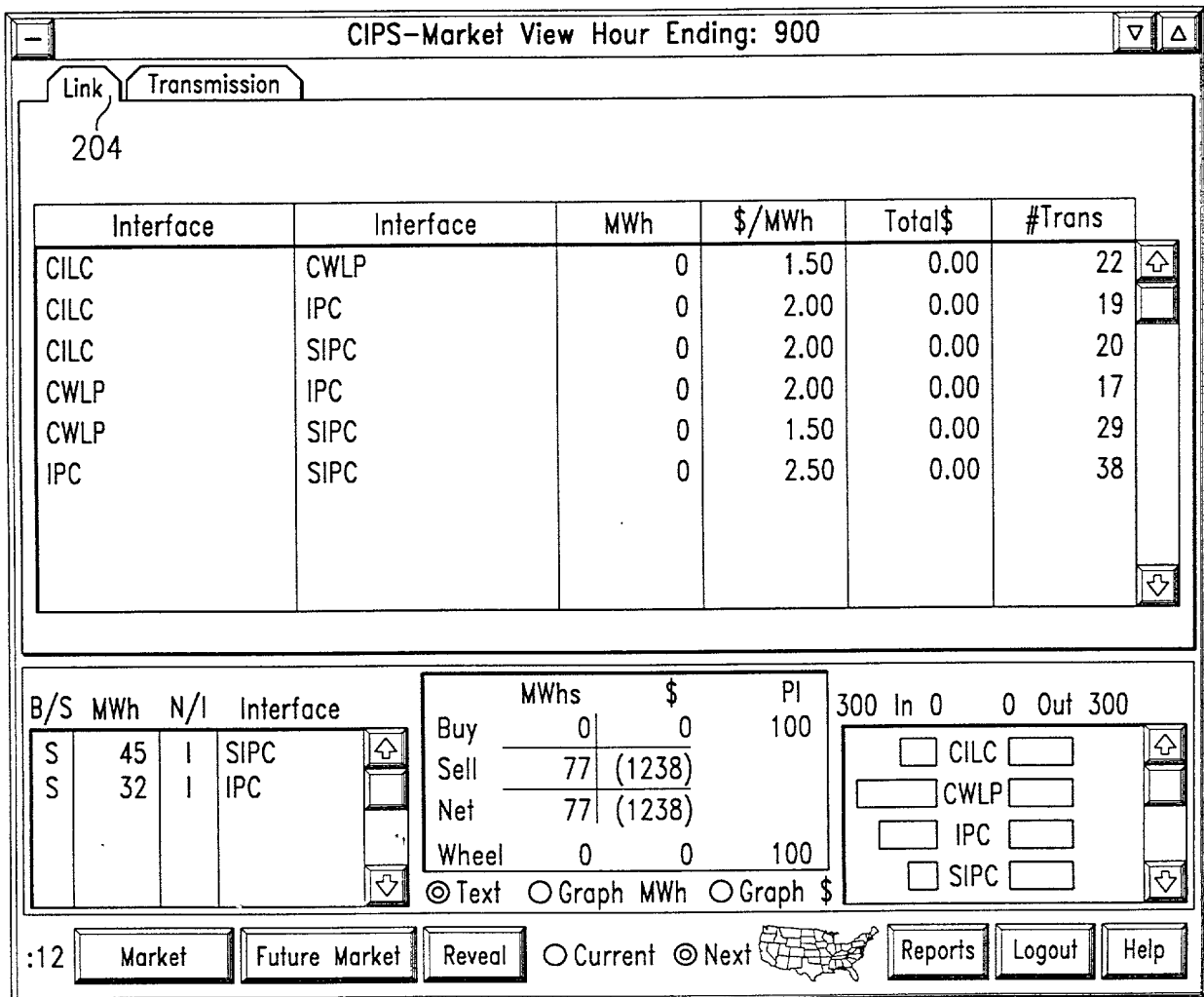


FIG. 28

CIPS-Market View Hour Ending: 900

Link
Transmission

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Interfaces	Max		Market Limit		Available		Transactions		Scheduled Activity Wheeling	
	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out
CILC	400	400	150	250	150	250	0	0	0	0
CWLP	350	375	300	250	300	250	0	0	0	0
IPC	500	500	250	250	250	218	0	32	0	0
SIPC	325	325	100	250	100	205	0	45	0	0

Limit

Neighbor

Update

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B/S	MWh	N/I	Interface
S	45	I	SIPC
S	32	I	IPC

	MWhs	\$	PI
Buy	0	0	100
Sell	77	(1238)	
Net	77	(1238)	
Wheel	0	0	100

300 In 0
0 Out 300

CILC

CWLP

IPC

SIPC

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Market

Future Market

Reveal

☐ Current
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FIG. 29

CIPS-Market View Hour Ending: 900

Link
Transmission

Interfaces	Max		Market Limit		Available		Scheduled Activity			
	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	Transactions		Wheeling	
CILC	400	400	150	250	90	250	0	0	60	0
CWLP	350	375	300	250	300	250	0	0	0	0
IPC	500	500	250	250	250	218	0	32	0	0
SIPC	325	325	100	250	100	145	0	45	0	60

Limit

Neighbor

Update

150

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B/S	MWh	N/I	Interface
S	45	I	SIPC
S	32	I	IPC

	MWhs	\$	PI
Buy	0	0	100
Sell	77	(1238)	
Net	77	(1238)	
Wheel	60	(120)	100

300 In 0
0 Out 300

☐ CILC

☐ CWLP

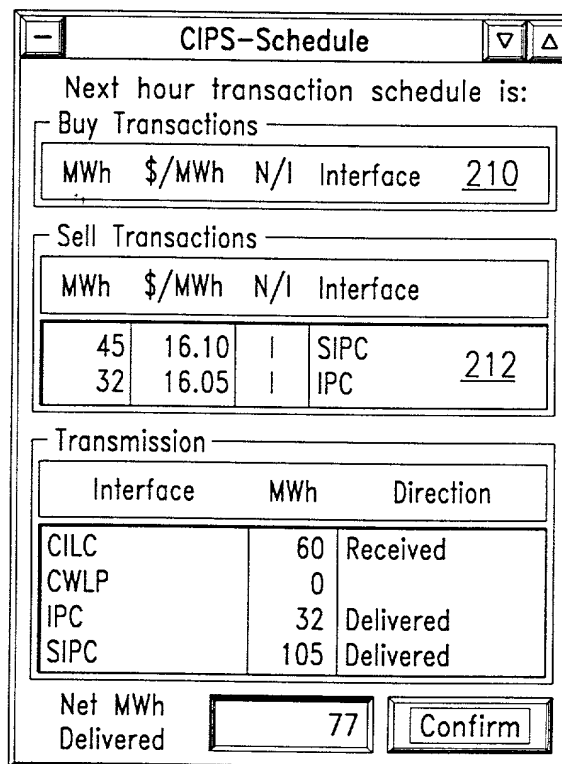
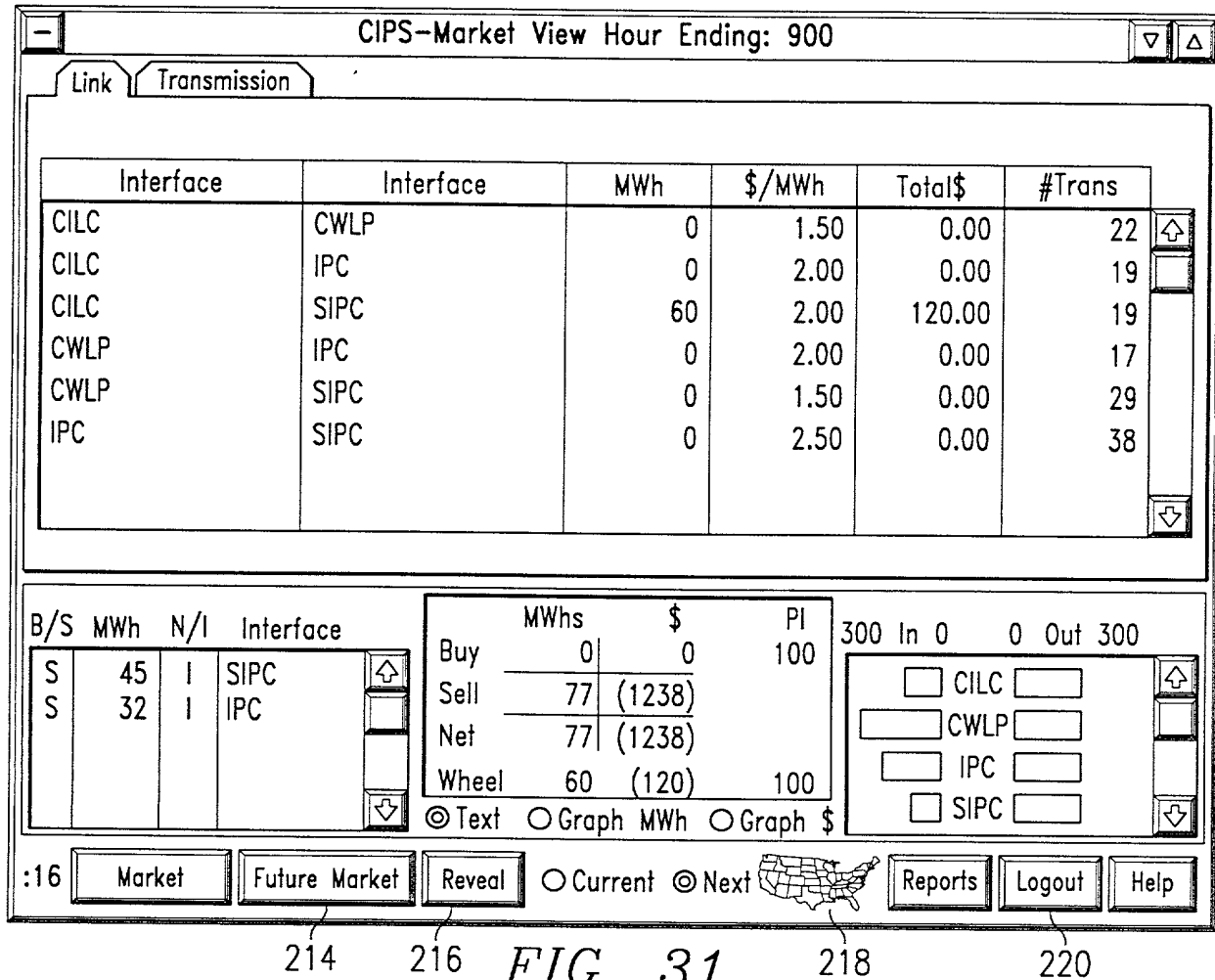
☐ IPC

☐ SIPC

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FIG. 30



**Future Markets Setup**
▼ ▲

**Add Buy Offer:**

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	
35	14.00	I	▲
50	13.25	I	▼

**Transmission Service \$//MWh:**

Interface	Interface	Cost	
CILC	CWLP	1.50	▲
CILC	IPC	2.00	▼
CILC	SIPC	2.00	
CWLP	IPC	2.00	
CWLP	SIPC	1.50	
IPC	SIPC	2.50	▼

**Add Sell Offer:**

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	Usage Fee	
40	17.50	I		▲
40	17.50	I		▼
30	19.00	I		
85	28.00	I		

**Transmission Limits MWh:**

Interface Name	Max In	Max Out	Limit In	Limit Out	
CILC	400	400	150	250	▲
CWLP	350	375	300	250	▼
IPC	500	500	250	250	
SIPC	325	325	100	250	▼

FIG. 33



CIPS-Reveal

Next hour transaction schedule is:

Buy Transactions

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	S-W-W-W-B

Sell Transactions

MWh	\$/MWh	N/I	S-W-W-W-B
45	16.10	1	CIPS-SIPC
32	16.05	1	CIPS-IPC-IIGE-MPSI

Wheeling Transactions

MWh	\$/MWh	S-W-W-W-B
60	2.00	CILC-CIPS-SIPC-BREC

Net MWh 77 Out Curtail Close

FIG. 34

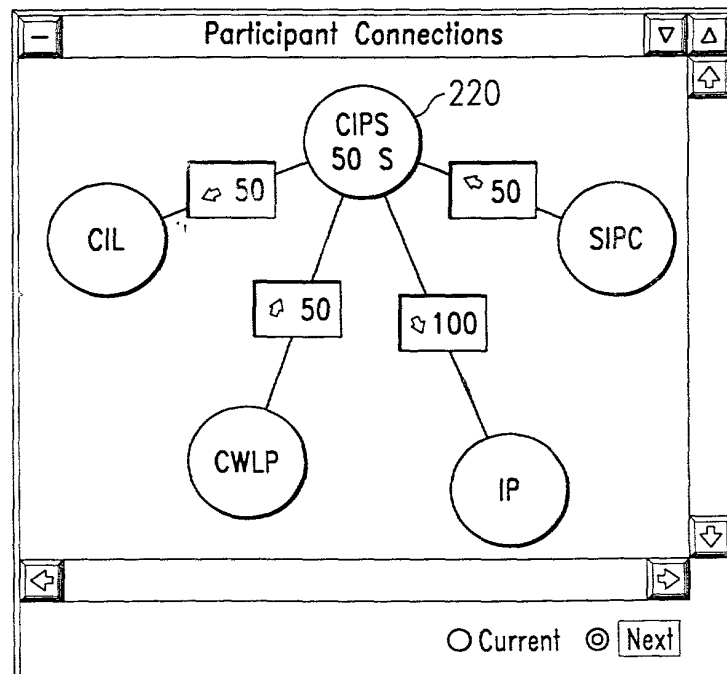


FIG. 35

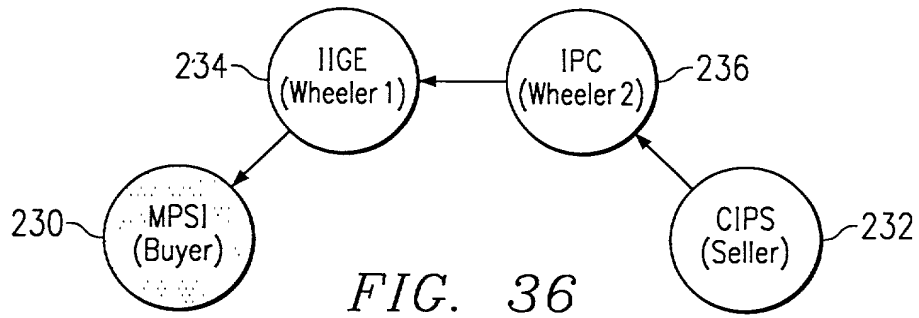


FIG. 36

**Initiate Curtail**

Confirm the following curtail for the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Buy	50	22.30	IIGE

Current Time: 11:16  
Start Ramp at: 20

Ramp for: ☐ 0 Minutes }  
                  ☒ 10 Minutes }

Integrated:

B/S	MWh	\$	Interface
Buy	21	468.30	IIGE

**Confirm**      **Cancel**

FIG. 37

**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed for the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Sell	50	20.00	IPC

Start Ramp at: 11:20  
Ramp for: 10

Integrated:

B/S	MWh	\$	Interface
Sell	21	420.00	IPC

**Acknowledge**

FIG. 38

FIG. 39

**Acknowledge Failure**

Please call:

Central Illinois Public Service Co.  
(555) 662-5489

Immediately to inform them of curtailment of the following transaction:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Buy	50	22.30	IIGE

OK

FIG. 40

**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed in the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	Interface	Interface
Wheel	50	MPSI	IPC

Start Ramp at: 11:20  
Ramp for: 10

Integrated:

MWh	\$	Interface	Interface
21	27.30	MPSI	IPC

Acknowledge

FIG. 41

**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed in the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	Interface	Interface
Wheel	50	IIGE	CIPS

Start Ramp at: 11:20  
Ramp for: 10

Integrated:

MWh	\$	Interface	Interface
21	21.00	IIGE	CIPS

Acknowledge

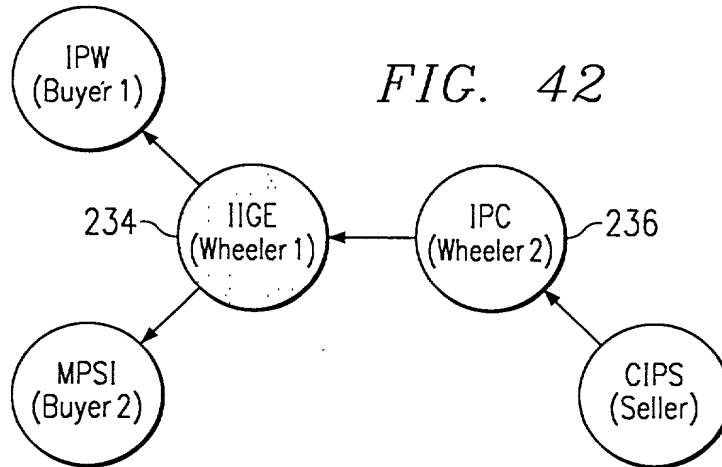


FIG. 42

FIG. 43

Transmission										
Interfaces	Max		Market Limit		Available		Scheduled Activity			
	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	Transactions		Wheeling	
							In	Out	In	Out
MPSI	400	350	200	350	200	200	0	100	0	50
IPC	500	350	150	350	33	350	0	0	117	0
IPW	700	700	200	250	160	183	40	0	0	67

Limit: 150    Neighbor: 180    Update (262)

Annotations: 264 points to the '0' in the Transactions Out column for IPW; 266 points to the '0' in the Transactions Out column for IPC.

Initiate Curtail

Confirm the following curtail for the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	Interface	Interface
Wheel	50	IPC	MPSI
Wheel	67	IPC	IPW

Current Time: 11:16

Start Ramp at: 20 (268)

Ramp for: ☒ 0 Minutes } 270  
☐ 10 Minutes }

Integrated:

MWh	\$	Interface	Interface
17	22.10	IPC	MPSI
22	28.60	IPC	IPW

Confirm (274)    Cancel (276)

FIG. 44

**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed for the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	Interface	Interface
Wheel	50	IIGE	CIPS

Start Ramp at: 11:20

Ramp for: 0

Integrated:

MWh	\$	Interface	Interface
17	17.00	IIGE	CIPS

**Acknowledge**

FIG. 45

**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed for the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	Interface	Interface
Wheel	67	IIGE	CIPS

Start Ramp at: 11:20

Ramp for: 0

Integrated:

MWh	\$	Interface	Interface
22	22.00	IIGE	CIPS

**Acknowledge**

FIG. 46

**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed for the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Sell	50	20.00	IPC

Start Ramp at: 11:20

Ramp for: 0

Integrated:

B/S	MWh	\$	Interface
Sell	17	340.00	IPC

**Acknowledge**

FIG. 47

**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed for the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Sell	67	21.25	IPC

Start Ramp at: 11:20

Ramp for: 0

Integrated:

B/S	MWh	\$	Interface
Sell	22	467.50	IPC

**Acknowledge**

FIG. 48

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**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed for the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Buy	50	22.30	IIGE

Start Ramp at: 11:20  
Ramp for: 0

Integrated:

B/S	MWh	\$	Interface
Buy	17	379.10	IIGE

**Acknowledge**

FIG. 49

**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed for the Current Hour:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Buy	67	23.55	IIGE

Start Ramp at: 11:20  
Ramp for: 0

Integrated:

B/S	MWh	\$	Interface
Buy	22	518.10	IIGE

**Acknowledge**

FIG. 50

**Acknowledge Failure**

Please call:

Central Illinois Public Service Co.  
(555) 662-5489

Immediately to inform them of curtailment of the following transaction:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Buy	50	22.30	IIGE

**OK**

FIG. 51

**Acknowledge Failure**

Please call:

Central Illinois Public Service Co.  
(555) 662-5489

Immediately to inform them of curtailment of the following transaction:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Buy	67	23.55	IIGE

**OK**

FIG. 52

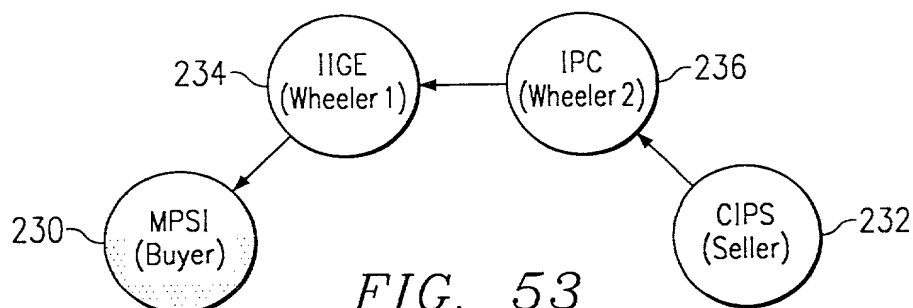


FIG. 53

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**Initiate Curtail**

Confirm the following curtail for the Next Hour:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Buy	50	22.30	IIGE

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FIG. 54

**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed Next Hour:

B/S	MWh	\$/MWh	Interface
Sell	50	20.00	IPC

FIG. 55

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**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed Next Hour:

B/S	MWh	Interface	Interface
Wheel	50	MPSI	IPC

FIG. 56

**Acknowledge Curtail**

The following transaction is curtailed Next Hour:

B/S	MWh	Interface	Interface
Wheel	50	IIGE	CIPS

FIG. 57

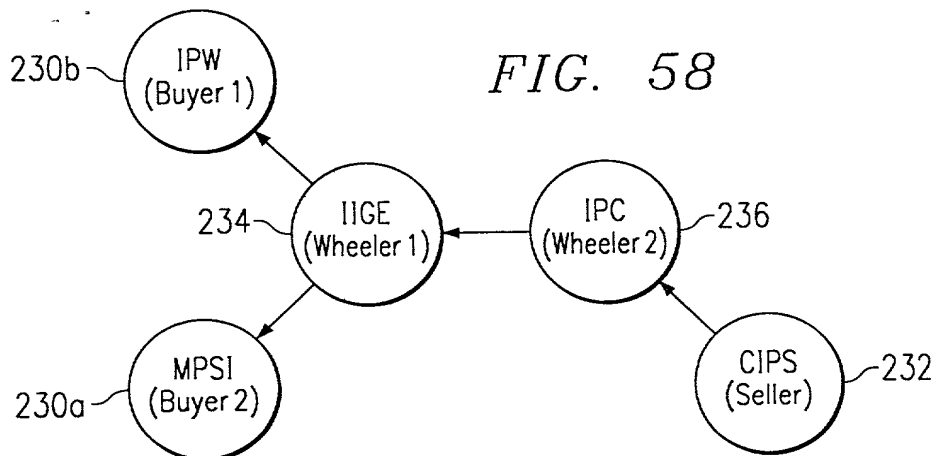


FIG. 59

Transmission										
Interfaces	Scheduled Activity									
	Max		Market Limit		Available		Transactions		Wheeling	
	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out
MPSI	400	350	200	350	200	200	0	100	0	50
IPC	500	350	150	350	33	350	0	0	117	0
IPW	700	700	200	250	160	183	40	0	0	67
									280	

Limit 150 Neighbor 180 Update 278

Initiate Curtail

Confirm the following curtail for the Next Hour:

B/S	MWh	Interface	Interface
Wheel	50	IPC	MPSI
Wheel	67	IPC	IPW

Confirm 284 286 Cancel

FIG. 60

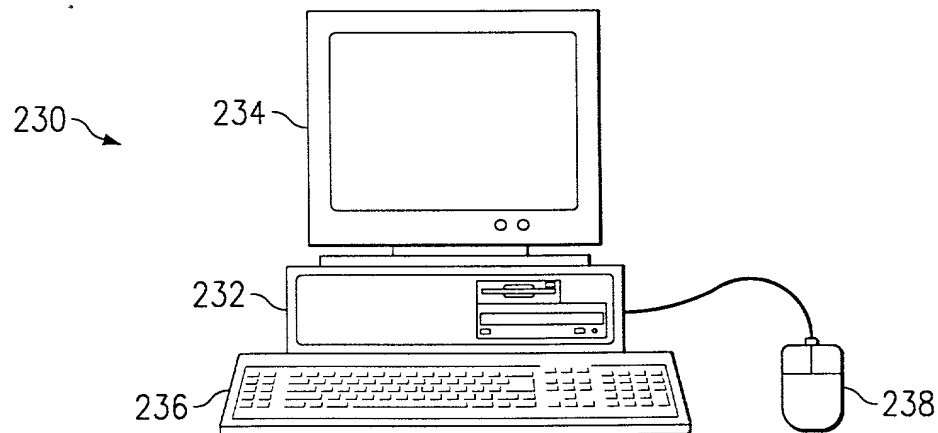


FIG. 61



FIG. 62

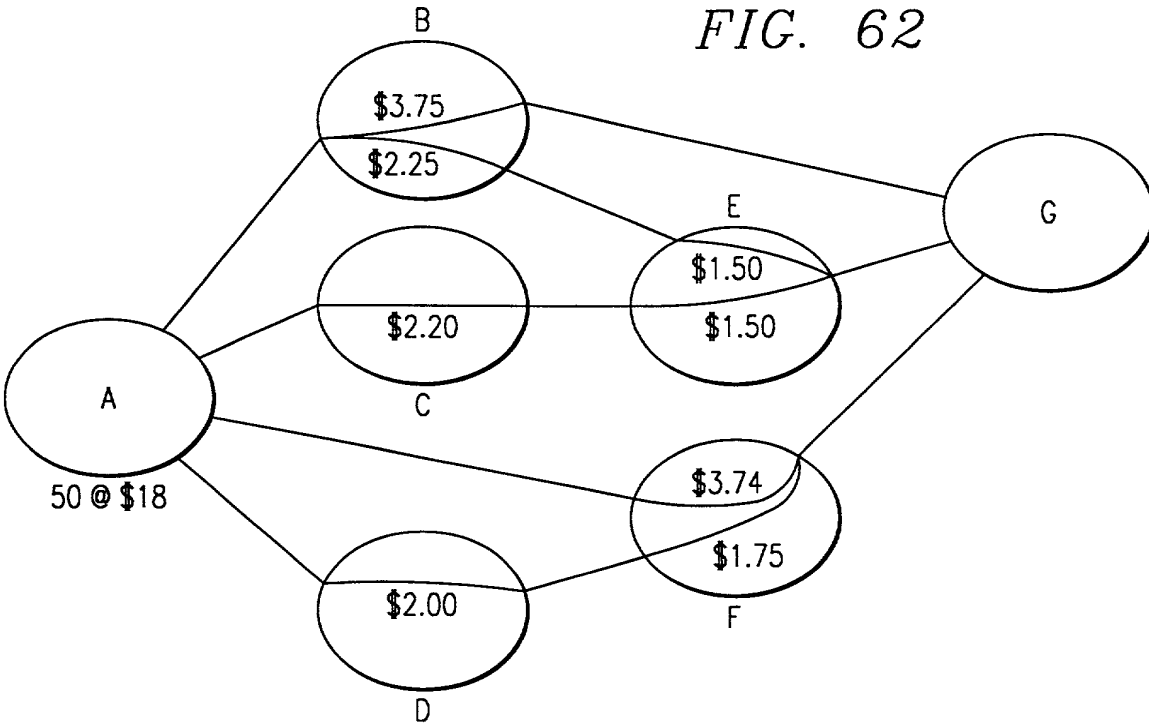
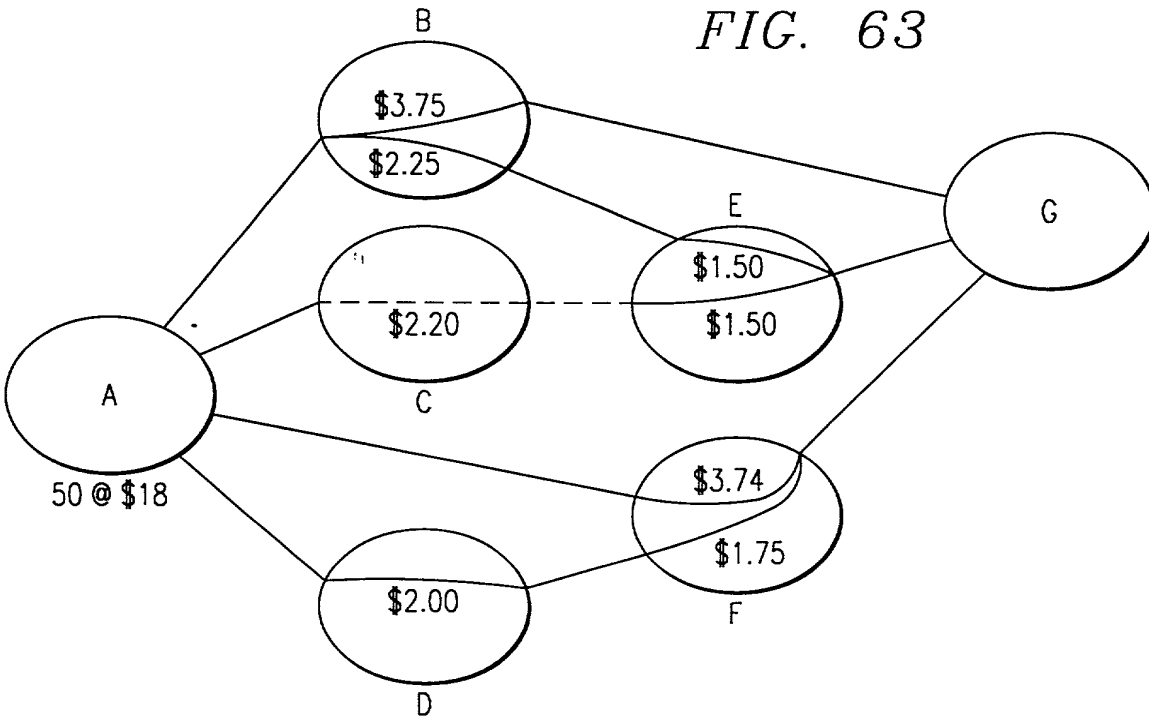


FIG. 63



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**APPARATUS AND PROCESS FOR TRADING ELECTRICAL POWER**

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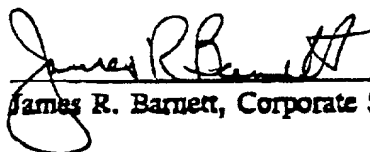
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